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Hopscotch festival, showcasing premium whiskies, beers and spirits, returns to Vancouver for its 16th year **PAGE 31**



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Foes say no dice to casino

South Surrey.

Residents raise concerns over glitzy project open to public feedback



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A proposed mega-entertainment complex and casino in South Surrey has officially gone for public review, but don't bet on it getting built in the residential area just yet.

Casino operator Gateway wants to build a \$100-million, 27,000-square-foot conference centre, an 800-seat theatre, a 200-room hotel, four restaurants and, of course, a 60,000-square-foot gaming floor next to Highway 99 at 10th Avenue and 168 Street in South Surrey.

Gateway, which bought the property in early 2012,

promises the City of Surrey \$6 million in annual tax revenue from the project, along with community facilities the city doesn't have and 1,200 construction jobs.

But not all residents are impressed with project, with some calling for a referendum on an issue that "already seems like a done deal."

Retiree Grant Laporte has lived blocks away from the proposed site for 10 years and is concerned about increased noise, traffic, crime and environmental damage.

"They're going to destroy a whole area of farmland," Laporte said, wondering why it isn't being built closer to a commercial area. "If we had known about a casino, we wouldn't have moved here."

Consultant Bill Hatton is helping organize petitions against the casino. While people want the amenities, "everyone I've talked to is

opposed to it," he said.

More than 100 people attended two meetings hosted by B.C. NDP candidate Susan Keeping to discuss the issue, he added. Most objected to the project.

Gateway hosted a public meeting Wednesday and will take all feedback to heart, project spokeswoman Tanya Gabara said.

"We understand that the proposed project won't be supported by everybody in the community," Gabara said. "We want to engage in dialogue with residents and citizens that are concerned and ensure accurate information."

After it incorporates feedback and the city holds a public hearing, city hall will make a final decision on the project.

Vancouver's city council quashed a casino proposal last year based on fears of problem gambling and crime.



A rendering of the proposed casino and entertainment complex in South Surrey. CONTRIBUTED

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From shiny metallics to textured brocade, a glitzy trouser can get you from the office to party-ready in no time **PAGE 42**

Not so fast there, Obama

The victorious U.S. president has lots he wants to do, but first he must master the C-word — compromise **PAGE 11**

VPD sticking to its guns

Despite a tougher federal drug law, police say they'll continue to go after marijuana dealers instead of individual users **PAGE 4**

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Little Saigon. Designation of district remains controversial

The creation of a Little Saigon in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage community is still causing big debate within the neighbourhood.

Last year, Vancouver city council unanimously approved a motion introduced by Coun. Kerry Jang that would see a Little Saigon district designated along Kingsway between Nanaimo and Fraser streets.

But the first open house into the proposal happened just last month.

Community member Ambrose Oba-Underwood said there is a lack of consultation and things just seem to be moving forward.

"My personal stance is that I don't feel it's appropriate and representative of the community. But if the majority of the community feels that that's what represents it then I'd be fine," he said.

A lot of people are still in disagreement about how well the name fits that business area, he added.

But Jang wants to clear any misunderstanding.

"They think we're renaming the neighbourhood and that's not true. It's just simply putting up some banners and street signs. Little Saigon is part of Kensington-Cedar Cottage. We are not renaming the neighbourhood," he said.

It took more than a year to hold the open house, Jang added, because of staff workload and the timing of the 2011 civic election.

"It was only until this year we finally got on track again," he said, adding more than 180 people came to the open house.

The information is being collated by staff and results will be released fairly soon, Jang added.

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After years of planning, Vancouver is expected to get a public bike-share system next spring. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

Bike-share bailout worries unfounded, say city, Bixi

Contract. Response follows op-ed criticizing Montreal-based company as 'not a profitable' business



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The company favoured to provide the bikes for Vancouver's public bike-share system says it is being wrongly accused of accepting a \$108-million bailout from Montreal taxpayers.

Jordan Bateman, director of the B.C. branch of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, distributed an op-ed Tuesday

criticizing Montreal-based Bixi, which is the current market leader in successful bike-share systems around the world.

"Bixi is a business — and not a profitable one," Bateman wrote.

"It was bailed out by Montreal taxpayers in 2011, when that city hall pumped \$108 million into it, despite a scathing report from the Montreal auditor general."

Bixi spokesman Michel Philibert said Bateman's information, pulled from a CBC story, is false — or at least painted with too broad a brushstroke.

The package that was approved by Montreal city council last year included \$37 million to cover Bixi's deficit, and another \$71 million in loan

guarantees. The city co-signed to increase the company's credit limit to help them export the system to other cities, in hopes of decreasing local taxpayers' subsidies to Montreal's public bike-share system.

"They are a co-signer on a loan that we have from the National Bank of Canada, so when he says that we have a bailout of \$108 million, it's totally false, and you cannot (count) every type of credit facilities like he did," Philibert told Metro.

"It's a loan of \$37 million, and now it's \$33, because we pay the city with interest."

City of Vancouver transportation director Jerry Dobrovolny said he is aware of the financial and legal difficulties Bixi has had in a few other cit-

ies, but in Montreal its challenges are different because the city is the company's manufacturing hub.

He said Vancouver does not expect to have to subsidize the company beyond the estimated \$1.9 million a year in cash and kind for 10 years that was released in a report in June.

Dobrovolny said few if any of the 300 cities around the world with public bike-share systems have got them up and running without any public money.

The contract for Vancouver's system is expected to come before council in December or January.

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U.S. pot legalization, Bill C-10 won't change VPD's strategy

Law enforcement.

Vancouver police will continue to focus on violent people profiting from drug sales



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Despite harsh new drug-crime legislation, it's enforcement-as-usual for Vancouver police, who prioritize catching drug dealers instead of individual users.

"That's certainly not going to deviate very much given the new legislation," investigative services Supt. Mike Porteous said the day after Canada tightened — and some U.S. states voted to relax — drug laws.

The main difference is police must provide evidence of aggravating factors such as use of a weapon, Porteous said, but charges will still have to carry a reasonable likelihood of conviction and be in the public interest.

"Certain situations are not in the public interest, like a small amount of drugs on a marginalized person in the Downtown Eastside," he said.

He supports the more serious penalties that could deter criminal organizations or change the way they do business, he added.

The VPD's strategy has evolved since Porteous was a beat cop in the Downtown Eastside in the 1980s, he said, and now focuses on violent people profiting from drug sales.

Liberal Sen. Larry Campbell praised the VPD for not targeting individuals with small amounts of marijuana, but condemned Bill C-10.

"The police have better things to do," he said. "People sure as hell shouldn't be going to jail."

Voters choosing to legal-

Quoted

"Hopefully we're about to come up with a sensible solution — the Canadian people will demand it."

Liberal Sen. Larry Campbell

ize marijuana in Washington state and Colorado in Tuesday's U.S. election represent the "beginning of the end of

the war on drugs" as it pertains to marijuana, Campbell said.

The Conservative government is "so out of step" with what the population wants, he said, pointing to a recent poll where 75 per cent of British Columbians approved of legalizing marijuana.

Marijuana. Economic impacts unclear for B.C.'s pot future

A hazy future lies ahead for B.C.'s thriving underground pot industry after two U.S. states voted to allow its citizens to legally use the drug recreationally.

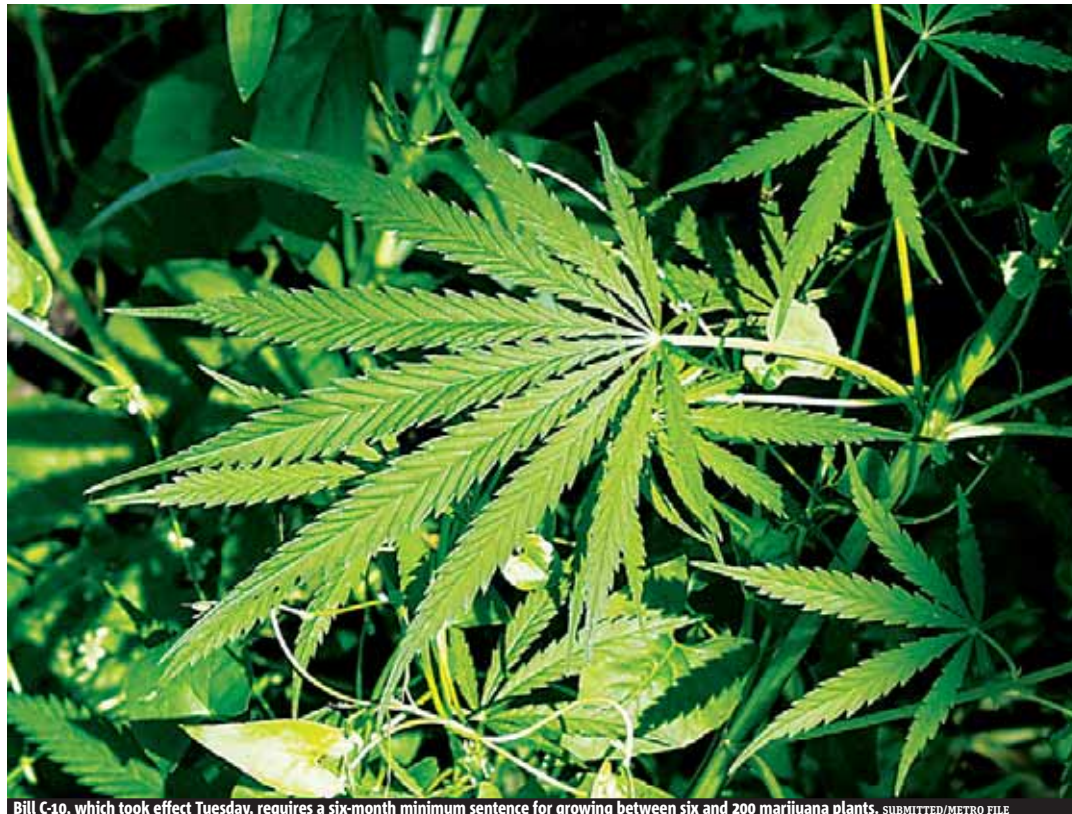
Analysts say the business consequences for an illegal industry that generates billions could range from mild to seeing pot growers' livelihoods go up in smoke.

Economics professor Werner Antweiler, with the University of B.C., argues that the market will dry up considerably because his data shows two-thirds of what's being grown in British Columbia is exported to the U.S. west coast.

But RCMP believe that most of what's grown in Canada stays in Canada, and drug researcher and activist Dustin Cantwell says that means there won't be a business impact north of the border.

Former B.C. Attorney General Geoff Plant, who had been advocating for the legalization of pot, says he believes there will be some impact on the pot market, but it won't be major because other buyers are always available.

Plant says he believes the illegal market and its associated gang violence won't slow until there's major policy change throughout Canada and the United States. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Bill C-10, which took effect Tuesday, requires a six-month minimum sentence for growing between six and 200 marijuana plants. SUBMITTED/METRO FILE

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Could gay marriage in Washington boost B.C. tourism?



People celebrate election returns that favoured a "yes" outcome in Washington state Referendum 74, which asked voters whether they supported legalizing gay marriage, during a street gathering in Seattle. TED WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Upside. Owner of GayVan.com says the state's legalizing gay marriage wouldn't take away from B.C.'s gay-friendly scene, but open up a bigger market

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Nobody knows exactly how much B.C.'s gay-wedding-friendly tourism industry stands to lose now that Washington has voted to legalize same-sex marriage, but provincial statistics provide some hints.

B.C. stats show that in 2010, 334 same-sex American couples married in B.C., 71 of whom were from Washington state.

While a single destination wedding pumps thousands or even tens of

thousands of dollars into the local economy, Angus Praught, owner of GayVan.com Travel Marketing, said there could actually be an upside to this corner of the world going gay-friendly.

"It may change the decision of some people coming here, but it may open up a bigger market overall, with people coming to the region and getting married in one city and honeymooning in the other, doing the two-nation-vacation thing,"

Praught said.

"It may end up being a positive. People may say, 'Let's go to that region — we can get married in either place and see both at the same time.'"

He may be on to something.

In 2010 another 120 same-sex couples from the rest of the world also tied the knot in B.C., owing at least in part to its reputation as a beacon of queer culture and civil rights.

Jolt. Earthquake rattles the coast, homes in remote community

A magnitude-6.3 earthquake struck off the British Columbia coast Wednesday night, rattling some homes in a remote community but causing no injuries or major damage.

The U.S.-based National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the earthquake hit just after 6 p.m., about 136 kilometres southwest of Port Alice, a

community of about 800 people on northern Vancouver Island.

The agency also said the quake was recorded at a depth of about 43.5 kilometres, and no subsequent tsunami was expected.

Kevin Cameron, the emergency co-ordinator in Port Alice, said he didn't feel the quake.

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Searching. B.C. NDP wants answers on Pat Bell's email to Liberal insider

The Opposition New Democrats want answers from B.C. Jobs Minister Pat Bell about an email he sent to the Liberal party's vice-president who was lobbying for a Chinese investor in Prince Rupert.

New Democrat finance critic Bruce Ralston says the optics of Bell's email to Bill Belsey stink — especially since Belsey was working for the Chinese businessman who bought the former Skeena Cellulose pulp mill in Prince Rupert.

Ralston did not outright call for Bell's resignation, but says the email sharing situation is similar to that of former Liberal cabinet minister Harry Bloy who resigned from cabinet last March after saying he provided an internal email to a third party.

The City of Prince Rupert is embroiled in a legal dispute with the mill's owner, Sun Wave Forest Products, after the city took over the property for unpaid taxes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Highway 18

Rock kills driver on highway

For the second time in less than a month, a person has died after a rock crashed through a vehicle windshield on a B.C. highway.

A 52-year-old Duncan man was killed after the rock fell off a logging truck and smashed through his pickup truck's driver side window on Highway 18 near Lake Cowichan on Vancouver Island.

In October, a 36-year-old Calgary woman died when a rock crashed through the windshield of her vehicle after it was thrown up by a passing transport truck.

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Highway 16

Names of crash victims released by coroner

The B.C. Coroner's Service has released the names of two people killed in a horrific head-on crash on Highway 16 in northern B.C. on Monday.

Sixty-two-year-old Raymond Moorside of Fraser Lake and 67-year-old Joan Breed of Prince George died in the collision.

Police have said Breed's jeep crossed the centre line of the road and struck Moorside's Toyota. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Union members from Simon Fraser University and Vancouver Community College march outside the VCC campus in downtown Vancouver Wednesday. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Campus picket lines paralyze SFU, VCC classes

One-day walkout.

Support staff at Simon Fraser University and Vancouver Community College march in hope of getting fair contract



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A one-day walkout by unionized support staff caused transit delays and cancelled classes at two major Vancouver post-secondary institutions Wednesday, but union members believe that students are on their side and they hope to strike a fair deal.

Hidden power

"I don't think they have any idea about the sleeping giant they've woken up."

Jo Hansen, chief shop steward with CUPE Local 4627 on other colleges readying for a strike vote.

Support staff at Simon Fraser University and Vancouver Community College staged picket lines in campuses in Burnaby and Vancouver. Nearly 1,500 workers at both SFU and VCC were affected by the walkout.

Jo Hansen, chief shop steward with CUPE Local 4627, said despite the disruption, students have expressed

support for the job action.

"We have not always seen eye-to-eye with the students or even the faculty association but we are rock solid together this time," she said. "This is also the first time the support workers have really said that they are not stopping until we get to the end of this."

Contract talks between SFU and its support workers resumed Wednesday afternoon.

"We need a settlement," SFU spokesperson Don MacLachlan said. "We all want a settlement, so let's hope we can get to one as quickly as possible."

Amy De'Ath, an SFU PhD student and member of the Teaching Support Staff Union, said all they're asking for is a fair contract.

Cross-Canada

2 B.C. men busted in drug sting

Police in B.C. and Ontario have teamed up to bust a cross-Canada marijuana and money-laundering operation.

B.C.'s Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit says police arrested a 26-year-old man in Richmond and a 29-year-old man in New Westminster, while a number of others were taken into custody in the Toronto area. Police say they've seized hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, more than 270 kilograms of marijuana and property that includes eight vehicles. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Basia Ruta. B.C. gets first-ever auditor general for local governments

A chartered accountant who has extensive experience working with federal agencies will serve as British Columbia's first auditor general for local governments.

The provincial government says Basia Ruta will begin her five-year term in the agency's Surrey office in January.

Ruta will conduct performance audits of municipalities and regional districts and recommend how those governments can become more efficient and effective, but she will not question their policy decisions.

Ruta has worked with the federal Office of the Auditor General and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, and she served as Environment Canada's chief financial officer.

Premier Christy Clark says every level of government needs to find new and innovative ways to ensure British Columbians get the best value for their money.

Quenesl Mayor Mary Sjöström, who is also president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, says she welcomes the constructive working relationship with Ruta. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Assault. Man convicted of beating grandparents

A Penticton man has been found guilty in an assault on his grandparents that left his grandfather with serious injuries to his head, ribs and knees.

Gregory Ailles was arrested after the attack in 2008 in which he tied up Grant and Lois Ailles in their home and used a metal pipe to beat his grandfather.

He was convicted of unlaw-

ful confinement and aggravated assault of his then-76-year-old grandfather and unlawful confinement and assault of his grandmother, who has since died.

Ailles was also found guilty of theft under \$5,000 and possession of firearms. He will face a psychiatric assessment before his next court appearance, which is scheduled for Jan. 3. **CKOR/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MMA refs must pass new training course: Province

Certification. Athletic commissioner will oversee boxing, kick-boxing and mixed-martial-arts events across B.C.

New rules will require anyone who wants to judge a professional mixed-martial-arts fight in B.C. to get certified, a move the head of the sport in Canada says is good for everyone.

Tom Wright, Ultimate Fighting Championship's director of Canadian operations, says the new rules will help attract more big-money professional fights to the province.

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development said on Tuesday that MMA judges who want to be certified with the soon-to-be-formed Provincial Athletic Commission will have to pass a rigorous training course offered through the California-based Certification



Georges St. Pierre, top, battles Thiago Alves in July 2009 during their welterweight title bout at UFC 100 in Las Vegas. **JOHN KOPALOFF/GETTY IMAGES**

of Officials for Mixed Martial Arts National Development program.

"I think it can only help to increase the number of events," Wright said.

He added that UFC fights bring in big money, pointing to one event at Toronto's Rogers Centre that attracted 55,000 fans and about \$35

million.

According to its website, the COMMAND program is headquartered in Valencia, Calif., and offers three-day and two-day certification courses to MMA referees and judges. Referee candidates must pass several tests with a score of at least 90 per cent and know dozens of takedowns, submis-

sions, positions, sweeps, kicks and strikes.

"Any of our officials that would be inside the octagon for UFC fights obviously have fulfilled the minimum requirements as suggested through this program that the B.C. government is doing," Wright said.

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Good news

Car thefts plummet in B.C.

Car thefts have fallen by 74 per cent in the decade since the Bait Car program was introduced. The province says B.C. had one of the highest rates of auto theft in North America 10 years ago, but those rates have been slashed since the Bait Car program was launched in 2002, along with efforts by police and community volunteers to combat auto crime. But older vehicles are still a target for car thieves, the province said.

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Accident

Woman hit by bus identified

Relatives have come forward to identify an elderly pedestrian seriously injured in an incident in Kelowna last weekend. The name of the 73-year-old woman has not been released, but Mounties say there has been no change in her condition and she remains in serious condition. The woman was not carrying any identification when she was run down by a small tour bus.

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Drug conspiracy. Pilot gets 10 years for flying marijuana into U.S.

A 61-year-old B.C. helicopter pilot has been sentenced in a Seattle court to 10 years in an American prison for smuggling drugs into the United States.

U.S. justice officials say Henry Rosenau of Armstrong admitted to flying dozens of loads of marijuana into forested areas of Washington, Idaho and Montana between 2000 and 2005.

He pleaded guilty in July to conspiracy to import marijuana, just hours before he was to go on trial for a second time after his first trial in April ended in a hung jury.

In his plea agreement, Rosenau also admitted that he

flew Canadians into the U.S. to help unload and transport the drugs.

Justice officials say Rosenau was first spotted by a U.S. investigation launched in 2005 that identified organized crime groups smuggling B.C. marijuana by helicopter into the U.S., and smuggling cocaine north into Canada.

They say Rosenau was charged the next year, but fought extradition from Canada and filed lawsuits against witnesses, law enforcement and prosecutors before he was finally handed over to American authorities.

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Car found near Revelstoke

Search on for missing traveller

Search-and-rescue crews are scouring an area south of Revelstoke, B.C., for a man who was last seen almost a month ago. David Klammer, 39, left his parents' home in Saskatchewan on Oct. 8, bound for White Rock, B.C.

A backpack thought to be Klammer's was found on Oct. 26 in the brush along a logging road south of Revelstoke.

On Monday, his white, 2003 Subaru Impreza, was found parked along the same logging road.

An RCMP air search earlier this week found no sign of Klammer.

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B.C. man who beat dog with hammer sentenced to jail



King, a Newfoundland retriever, suffered puncture wounds, broken teeth and severe bruising when his owner's boyfriend beat him with a hammer. COURTESY OF BCSPCA

Sentencing. Nanaimo's Dean Tremblay pleaded guilty to assaulting his then-girlfriend's Newfoundland retriever



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A Nanaimo resident has been sentenced to six months in jail after beating his girlfriend's dog with a hammer earlier this year.

Matthew Dean Tremblay, who pleaded guilty Nov. 5, went to his then-girlfriend's home while she was out in January and assaulted her Newfoundland dog, named King.

Horrific attack

"This was an unspeakably brutal attack and it is a miracle that King survived."

BC SPCA spokesperson Lorie Chortyk

According to SPCA, Tremblay repeatedly punched, kicked and struck King with a hammer.

The dog suffered puncture wounds to the cranium, severe bruising on his head and body, broken teeth, deep cuts and was vomiting and urinating blood.

King has made a full recovery and is back with his owner. They have moved to another part of the province.

Tremblay was sentenced to six months in jail, was given a 30-month probation period and has a 25-year ban on owning or living with animals.

"This was an unspeakably brutal attack and it is a miracle that King survived and made a full recovery," BC SPCA spokesperson Lorie Chortyk said. "We have to send a strong message that this kind of violence against animals will not be tolerated."

In addition to his sentence, Tremblay was ordered to pay \$5,233 in restitution for veterinary costs.

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'This wasn't a conspiracy of silence'



Former Penn State president Graham Spanier leaves court Wednesday in Harrisburg, Pa. JASON MINICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penn State sex abuse. Complaints about Sandusky showering with children allegedly not properly reported

Former Penn State president Graham Spanier was arraigned and released on bail at a brief court appearance Wednesday on charges he lied about and concealed child-sex-abuse al-

legations involving former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Spanier, accompanied by his wife, signed paperwork after his bail was set at \$125,000 US, but he was not required to post any of that amount. He was ordered to forfeit his passport and be fingerprinted. He didn't enter a plea.

Afterward, defence attorney Elizabeth Ainslie told reporters her client is "not guilty, absolutely" and disput-

ed prosecutors' claims Spanier conspired with university athletic director Tim Curley and vice-president Gary Schultz. She said Spanier, who testified before a grand jury in the matter, has not been given the opportunity to present his side of the story.

"This wasn't a conspiracy of silence," she said, echoing the charge made last week by state Attorney General Linda Kelly. "That is ridiculous."

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Graham Spanier

The school's former president has claimed he's being framed for political purposes.

- He was charged last week with perjury, obstruction, endangering the welfare of children, failure to properly report suspected abuse and conspiracy.

U.S. army. Two female officers admit sending nude photos to general

Two female U.S. army officers testified Wednesday they provided nude photos to a general facing sex-crime charges.

One of them, a married captain, testified that Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair repeatedly asked her to send him nude photos of herself, which she said made her uncomfortable, the Fayetteville Observer reported. Eventually, she said she placated the married general by sending him downloaded pornographic photos of other women, cropped so that their faces weren't visible.

The testimony came during the third day of a hearing at Fort Bragg to determine whether Sinclair will go on trial for multiple criminal charges including forcible sodomy, wrongful sexual conduct and adultery, which is a crime under the U.S. military justice system. The allegations against Sinclair involve relationships with five women other than his wife.

Sinclair served as a deputy commander of the 82nd Air-



Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair
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borne Division in Afghanistan until he was relieved of his duties in May amid a criminal investigation and sent back to North Carolina.

A female major also testified Wednesday that she sent photos of her breasts and a personal video to Sinclair.

The major said she had served as a company commander under Sinclair and that they became friends after they were no longer in the same chain of command.

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Snowboarder and booze

Olympian's hotel mayhem settled in Nashville court

A Nashville judge signed off Wednesday on a deal between two-time Olympic gold medallist snowboarder Shaun White and prosecutors to settle public-intoxication and vandalism charges.

Susan Niland, the Nashville district attorney's spokeswoman, said prosecutors agreed to dismiss charges if White completed alcohol treatment, performed 24 hours of community service and paid restitution. The vandalism charge was dismissed on Wednesday because White already has paid restitution to the Nashville hotel where police say he drunkenly destroyed a telephone.

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Capital punishment

Californians vote: Death penalty to stay despite costs

California voters rejected the latest attempt to repeal the state's death penalty, dealing a blow to activists who saw the election as their best chance to end capital punishment there. Officials were still counting ballots, but it was apparent Wednesday that voters rejected a measure to end the death penalty by a margin of 52 per cent to 48 per cent. The defeat came even though recent polling showed concern growing over the cost of capital punishment.

The state has executed just 13 convicts, and its death row has ballooned to 726 inmates since capital punishment was reinstated in 1978. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Now the hard part: Obama must confront the C-word

Compromise. It's the key to his success in his second term because Republicans still hold a tight grip on the House

What's in store for victorious U.S. President Barack Obama?

A brutal ideological fight. Obama told Americans he has never been so optimistic. "The best is yet to come," he said, ticking off goals of reforming the tax system, easing climate change and overhauling immigration laws.

"Not so fast, Mr. President," came the response from Republicans, who still hold their grip on the House of Representatives.

So the challenge for Obama is mastering the C-word — compromise.

"The voters have not endorsed the failures or excesses of the president's first term," said frosty Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

"Now it's time for the president to propose solutions that actually have a chance of passing the Republican-controlled House."

Obama's narrow lead in the popular vote will make it difficult for him to claim a sweeping mandate. With returns from 94 per cent of the nation's precincts, Obama had 58 million, or 50 per cent of the popular vote.

Challenger Mitt Romney had 56 million, or 48 per cent. Romney tried to set a more conciliatory tone.

"At a time like this, we can't risk partisan bickering," Romney said.

"Our leaders have to reach across the aisle to do the people's work."

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Happiness over Barack Obama's election win spread far and wide. In Puri, India, cyclists ride past a giant sand sculpture congratulating him.

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The GOP. No longer will aging white men help the Republican party

What now for the Republicans?

The party is at a crossroads, confronted with an evolving U.S. electorate that is unceremoniously rejecting its vision for the country.

Barack Obama handily won the votes of women, Hispanics, African-Americans and young Americans.

Mitt Romney won aging white men — a dwindling voting bloc.

"We were wrong," top Republican Newt Gingrich said.

Quoted

"We have plenty of highly achieved minorities in our party."

Talk-show king Rush Limbaugh, dismissing suggestions the party is too white.

He and others in the Republican brain trust "misunderstood what was happening in the country," he said on television.

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The economy. Obama's next challenge is pulling back from the fiscal cliff

Can Barack Obama put the U.S. fiscal house in order — and help the global recovery?

"There will be a period of unease as we now turn from the politicking to the heavy lifting," said Paul Taylor, chief investment officer of BMO Asset Management Inc.

Some Canadians warn the U.S. is heading toward the so-called fiscal cliff, which would be reached if gridlock in Washington prevents a deal to extend about \$600

billion US in tax cuts and spending beyond Dec. 31.

Canadian exporters will still face uncertainty over the U.S. economy, which has had an impact on Canadian manufacturing and forestry firms contending with a decline in U.S. housing.

"If you're a Canadian exporter outside the energy sector then your options aren't great," said Capital Economics' chief U.S. economist, Paul Ashworth.

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Showbiz

Some angry stars are all a-Twitter

For showbiz celebrities, it was the greatest show on Earth — love it or hate it.

Mariah Carey was so excited about Barack Obama's re-election that she released a song, Bring it on Home, in his honour.

Mitt Romney supporter Elisabeth Hasselbeck sent out a disappointed but conciliatory tweet urging a divided U.S. to become one.



Trump

Romney supporter, real-estate magnate and reality-show star Donald Trump tweeted: "This election is a total sham and a travesty. We are not a democracy!"

"Let's fight like hell and stop this great and disgusting injustice! The world is laughing at us."

But NBC News anchor Brian Williams said

Trump's tweets show he has "driven well past the last exit to relevance and

veered into something closer to irresponsible."

Romney supporter Ted Nugent ranted on Twitter that

the country is doomed.

"Pimps whores & welfare brats & their soulless supporters have a president to destroy America," he wrote.

Beyoncé gloated, posting a photo that read, "Take that Mitches." It was accompanied by a photo of her in a "Texans for Obama" T-shirt.

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Divided island

Puerto Ricans eye statehood

A majority of Puerto Ricans have opted for the first time to become the 51st U.S. state.

But Tuesday's vote comes with an imposing political reality: The island remains bitterly divided over its relationship to the U.S. and many question the validity of the referendum.

There's also the fact that voters ousted the pro-statehood governor.

Any change will need the approval of the U.S. Congress.

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Turnout about 57%

Fewer Americans voted Tuesday

Preliminary figures suggest fewer people voted in the U.S. this year than four years ago, when voters first elected Barack Obama. Estimates say 119 million to 126 million voted this year, for a turnout rate of about 57 per cent.

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Feds warned

Keystone's no shoo-in: Envoy

The Harper government shouldn't be getting its hopes up that Barack Obama's re-election will mean speedy approval of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, says the U.S. ambassador to Canada.

"We don't even have a route yet from the state of Nebraska, and until we have that, nothing can happen," said U.S. envoy David Jacobson.

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States vote

Gay marriage, pot pass hurdles

In Tuesday's voting, Maine and Maryland became the first states to approve same-sex marriage by popular vote. Washington State and Colorado set up a federal showdown by legalizing recreational use of marijuana.

Maine and Maryland will become the seventh and eighth states to allow same-sex couples to marry.

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Earth to Barack Obama: We think the world of you

International reaction. 'Phew' spells relief in any language as many nations hail U.S. president's second term

He won, and the word "phew" trended worldwide on Twitter.

Despite a hard-fought campaign in the United States, there was never any contest overseas — President Barack Obama is the world's choice.

Even Tom McGrath, president of Republicans Abroad France, conceded: "It's clear that if they could vote, Europe would vote 80 per cent for Obama."

Part of the reason is continuity. Challenger Mitt Romney is a little-known figure internationally with scant foreign-policy experience, while Obama was seen as a steady hand following a predictable course.

"I think it is good that Obama won," said Pawel Kukiel, a 30-year-old company



Students pose for a photo beside a cardboard cutout of Barack Obama in New Delhi, India, after he was projected as the winner of Tuesday's U.S. presidential election. KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

consultant in Poland. "He has a good program and I think it will be much better for Obama to continue what he has started."

An Iraqi army officer in the capital, Baghdad, praised Obama for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq and planning to do the same in Afghanistan.

Obama's re-election "is in line with what the Chinese people want," said Hong Zihan, a graduate student watching the results at a U.S. Embassy event in Beijing.

In Myanmar, which is opening to the world after five decades of isolating military rule, some said they were re-

lieved Obama was re-elected because he had chosen to engage rather than sanction their country.

"President Obama is very flexible," said Thit Oo, a 42-year-old car mechanic, "and international relations have improved during his term." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scientists warn new tech could mean abuse at work

Superhuman workers.

Performance-boosting pills, surveillance tech could soon become mandatory: Report

Academics from Britain's leading institutions say attention needs to be focused on the consequences of technology that may one day allow — or compel — humans to work better, longer and harder.

Barbara Sahakian, a Cambridge neuropsychology professor, cited research suggesting that 16 per cent of U.S. students already use "cognitive enhancers" such as Ritalin to help them handle their course loads. Pilots have long used amphetamines to stay alert. And at least one study has suggested that the drug modafinil could reduce the number of accidents experienced by shift workers.

But bioethicist Jackie Leach Scully of northern England's Newcastle University worries that the use of such drugs might focus on worker produc-

Real possibilities

"We're not talking science-fiction here."

Geneva Richardson, the King's College law professor who oversaw the report

tivity over personal well-being.

"Being more alert for longer doesn't mean that you'll be less stressed by the job," she said. "It means that you'll be exposed to that stress for longer and be more awake while doing it."

The report also noted bionic limbs like the one used this week by amputee Zac Vawter to climb Chicago's Willis Tower or exoskeletons like the one used earlier this year by partially paralyzed London Marathon participant Claire Lomas. It also touched on the development of therapies aimed at sharpening eyesight or cochlear implants meant to enhance hearing.

Scully said any technology that could help disabled people re-enter the workforce should be welcomed but society needs to keep an eye out for unintended consequences.

"One of the things that we know about technology hit-

ting society is that most of the consequences were not predicted ahead of time and a lot of things that we worry about ahead of time turn out not to be problems at all," she said.

The researchers also noted "life-logging" devices like Nike Inc.'s distance-tracking shoes or wearable computers such as the eyeglasses being developed by Google Inc. The shoes can record your every step; the eyeglasses everything you see. Nigel Shadbolt, an expert in artificial intelligence at southern England's University of Southampton, said such devices are as little as 15 years away from being able to record every sight, noise and movement.

So do you accept if your boss gives you one?

The report was drawn up by scientists from the Academy of Medical Sciences, the British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Consequences

Bioethicist Jackie Leach Scully said workers may come under pressure to try a new memory-boosting drug or buy the latest wearable computer.

- "In the context of a highly pressurized work environment, how free is the choice not to adopt such technologies?" she asked.

- Union representatives appeared taken aback at the possibilities, such as long-distance truck drivers being asked to take alertness drugs.

- "We would be very, very against anything like that," said James Bower, a spokesman for Britain's United Road Transport Union. "We can't have a situation where a driver is told by his boss that he needs to put something in his body."



Prehistoric Proboscidean

Archeologists work along a riverbank east of Paris on Oct. 30 after unearthing a near-complete skeleton of a mammoth, christened "Helmut." The remains, dating back over 200,000 years, were discovered accidentally during excavations at an Ancient Roman site.

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A novel explanation for an Ontario baby boom

In the past week, Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) in Ontario has delivered 80 babies, a 30 per cent spike over the average.

What's to blame for the sudden baby boom? One hospital executive says it's the popular novel *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

"The timing is suspiciously close," says David Musy, the president and CEO of WRH in Windsor, Ont.

The erotic novel, by British author E.L. James, was released in Canada at the beginning of 2012. It chronicles an intimate relationship between a college graduate and a business tycoon and garnered attention for its explicit sex scenes.

Although he hasn't read

the book or any of its sequels, Musy has been told the story "promotes increased levels of bedroom activity."

Musy admits his conclusion is "unscientific," but says there is often a correlation between certain events and spikes in the birth rate. The 2003 blackout led to an increase in births, and a similar pattern occurs after a new collective agreement is negotiated with any of the big three automakers, Musy said.

In the case of the recent spike, Musy says the popularity of the *Fifty Shades* series is the only thing hospital staff could point to as a cause.

"It's not like Windsor had a cold winter," he said.

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Rubbish ideas

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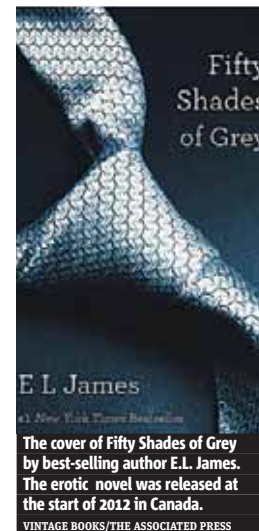
Winnipeg residents are being offered a bribe of sorts to avoid littering.

For the next four weeks, workers for a

downtown business group will be handing out \$5 gift cards for a local coffee shop to people they see putting garbage in a trash can.

Smokers can also win the prize for using cigarette butt disposal containers instead of the sidewalk.

Jason Syvixay, spokes-



The cover of *Fifty Shades of Grey* by best-selling author E.L. James. The erotic novel was released at the start of 2012 in Canada. **VINTAGE BOOKS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

man for the Downtown Biz, says the group decided to take a different approach from the normal anti-litter campaigns that amount to scolding people.

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New storm threatens New York, New Jersey

Second surge. Just under a million people still without power in the region as weaker storm moves in

Coastal residents of New York and New Jersey faced new warnings to evacuate their homes, and airlines cancelled hundreds of flights, as a new storm arrived Wednesday, more than a week after Superstorm Sandy left dozens dead and millions without power.

Forecasters said the latest storm appeared weaker than first thought, but it still carried the threat of high winds, storm surges and even snow that could cause further damage to the already weakened infrastructure of the country's most densely populated region. Rain and wet snow started falling in New York City around midday.

"I am waiting for the locusts and pestilence next,"



Volunteer Karina Ayubi, left, joins National Guardsman Brandon Kyle as they distribute blankets donated by the American Red Cross to residents without power as a Nor'easter approaches in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Wednesday, in Little Ferry, N.J. Major airlines cancelled flights in and out of the New York City area ahead of the storm. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said. Public works crews with heavy machinery worked to build up dunes to protect the battered shoreline.

More than half a million homes and businesses

remained without power as temperatures hit freezing at night, and finding tens of thousands of people emergency housing — in some cases, for the long term — was the greatest challenge.

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Guatemala quake kills dozens

Central America.

Tembler is the strongest to hit the country since a 1976 quake that killed 23,000

A 7.4-magnitude earthquake rocked Guatemala on Wednesday, killing at least 48 people in two provinces as it toppled thick adobe walls, shook huge landslides down onto highways, and sent terrified villagers streaming into the streets of San Marcos, an idyllic mountain town near the border with Mexico. One hundred people were missing, and hundreds more were injured.

The quake, which hit in the midst of the work day, caused terror over an unusually wide area, with damage reported in all but one of Guatemala's 22 states and shaking felt as far away as Mexico City.

San Marcos, where more than 30 homes collapsed, bore the brunt of the temblor's fury. More than 300 people, including firefighters, policemen and villagers, worked at a sand-extraction site to rescue seven people reported buried alive, including a six-year-old

boy who had accompanied his grandfather to work.

"I want to see Giovanni! I want to see Giovanni!" the boy's mother, Francisca Ramirez, frantically cried. "He's not dead. Get him out."

President Otto Perez Molina said more than 2,000 soldiers were deployed from a base in San Marcos to help with disaster relief. A plane had already made two trips with special disaster-relief teams to the San Marcos area.

He asked that civilians in the country of 14 million stay put and not travel on highways because of landslides and debris. He also encouraged people in affected areas to stay outside and away from tall buildings.

David de Leon, spokesperson for civil protection, told radio station Emisoras Unidas that officials were working on evacuations and disaster relief. There were four strong aftershocks by late afternoon.

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Residents walk around rubble and a damaged car after a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck the mountain village of San Marcos, Guatemala, Wednesday.

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Intervention is key

Teach kids
not to stand
by: Expert

Dr. Claire Crooks CONTRIBUTED

There's no quick fix to stop bullying, but appealing to kids' empathy and urging them not to stand passively by is a good start, says a researcher on the subject.

Dr. Claire Crooks, who studies bullying at the University of Windsor and Toronto's CAMH Centre for Prevention Science, says depriving bullies of their audience is key. Most bullying occurs in front of peers and is committed by kids looking for attention. They also do it to make people laugh, which makes them feel powerful. Young bystanders who stand up to bullies or report bullying to adults are an effective deterrent, she says.

"Research is finding that kids who intervene in bullying are more likely to say their parents expect them to do that," she said. "So, just by talking to your children about what you expect them to do when someone else is getting picked on, that can have an impact."

It's more difficult to understand the role of the online bystander.

"It's easier for kids to cyberbully than bully because there's that anonymity," she said. "One thing's becoming clear — with cyberbullying, there really needs to be a joint response with parents, communities and police. So many of these cases are crossing the line into cybercrime."

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Engaging with kids

"The question parents need to be asking is not just how do I know if my kid's being bullied, it's how do I know if my child is involved in bullying? How do I know what role my child plays when others are being bullied? Those are the kinds of conversations we should be having with our children."

Dr. Claire Crooks

Name that online bully and ban anonymity: MP

Cyberbullying. It's a life-and-death issue for some kids and many people want to do something to stop it. But what will work?

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

After reading some vile, anonymous online comments, Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro has decided the government should consider ending people's ability to post anonymously on the Internet.

"One of the best ways to end online and electronic bullying, libel and slander would be to force people posting hurtful comments to properly identify themselves," he posted on his Facebook page on Oct. 25.

He brought the same message to the House of Commons

when he suggested banning anonymity wouldn't get in the way of free speech.

"While I believe firmly that the right to free speech must be strongly defended and protected, I also believe it should be backed up by the common decency to stand by one's words as opposed to hiding behind online anonymity," he said.

Del Mastro declined Metro's request for an interview on the issue, so it is unclear what specific actions he thinks the government should take or how banning Internet anonymity could be enforced.

Nathalie Des Rosiers, a lawyer with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, says judges would strike down a law that prohibits anonymity online.

"It's difficult to imagine how we can protect freedom of expression without protecting some form of anonymity with websites and comments online," she said. "It's essential to recognize that good intentions

of having people stand by their words chill and prevent many useful expressions that cannot be done publicly."

People choose to be anonymous online for many constructive reasons, she said. They include being a whistleblower, reporting incidents of bullying or just having a social or political conversation that they would not want their families, friends or employers to know about.

"In my view, the real answer to vitriolic, terrible, nasty comments on the web is not to engage with them," she said. "The people who do vitriolic things — their greatest reward is when we respond and give them an additional platform."

Des Rosiers suggests teaching kids to be "resilient" against bullying would help them in a way that wouldn't deprive them of their rights.

Del Mastro isn't the only politician talking about bullying. The NDP is asking for the federal government to strike an all-party committee to create a National Anti-Bullying Strategy. MP Dany Morin said the idea would be to consider the best means of combatting bullying and then create a plan. But at this point he is unwilling to get into specifics about what the strategy might contain.

A senate committee is studying cyberbullying, but the report, originally scheduled for release in October, has been delayed.

Rights and responsibilities

Privacy not a shield from the law

The right to privacy doesn't extend to anonymous bullies, Ontario's privacy commissioner says.

"Obviously, I'm a great believer in privacy — I'm the privacy commissioner — but I think you forfeit your right to privacy when you go online to victimize someone else," Ann Cavoukian said. "Privacy isn't there to enable you to do unacceptable behaviour that is harmful to others."

Cavoukian urges parents, teachers and students to discuss bullying publicly, while respecting the privacy rights of the victim. For example, teachers can help deter bullying by publicizing incidents and the consequences perpetrators face, but refrain from naming the bullies and victims.

She believes police have all the laws they need to police bullying when it becomes criminal and trace anonymous cyberbullies.

To hear more of her views, see her anti-bullying video at ipc.on.ca.

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'Caustic scourge'



"I read the comments of hundreds of anonymous posters online and was frankly shocked by the level of vitriolic hatred and personal attacks that were freely posted. Anonymous online attacks are, in my view,

cowardly but they are no less hurtful and represent a caustic scourge that is harming too many in our society."

MP Dean Del Mastro

Targeting cybercrime

Give us more disclosure: RCMP officer

On his days off, Surrey RCMP Const. Tad Milmine talks to small groups of students about bullying. On the job, he'd like to have more power to uncover cybercriminals more quickly.

"I'm not saying divulge everyone's personal information — I'm far too busy to just be nosy — but if I need to know information because somebody's receiving a death threat through the computer, to get a warrant for that or a production order for that, it takes a long time," he said.

Milmine, and many police services, support a Conservative bill that would make Internet service providers disclose a user's name and information to police without a warrant.



Tad Milmine CONTRIBUTED

Some companies already do, Milmine says.

"Facebook is our best friend when it comes to investigations," he said. "If there's something serious, or imminent danger to a youth, Facebook will give us all the information within a day. They'll give us everything. There's no warrants, no production orders — they're terrific."

To read about the anti-bullying lesson Milmine gives young people on his days off, go to metronews.ca. JESSICA SMITH/METRO IN TORONTO

Students speak out

Look beyond laws to end bullying: Teens

A group of students brought a message for Canadian politicians studying cyberbullying: Laws won't stop it.

Alberta teacher and anti-bullying activist Bill Belsey helped some of his students from Springbank Middle School speak to senators on a committee studying cyberbullying last spring. Most said kids their age need something more concrete.

"I just do not think that teenagers would listen. It just does not seem real enough," student Mariel Calvo said. "What I think we should do is get people speaking about it, get people aware, and make sure that everybody knows how it harms people, how it consumes your life completely."

Student Molly Turner



Bill Belsey CONTRIBUTED

said a law probably wouldn't have an effect right away, but could help make bullying less socially acceptable.

"For example, it is now illegal not to wear a seat belt, but, not so long ago, that was acceptable," she said. "If the government were to set up a very definite consequence for anyone breaking the law on cyberbullying, it may make it unacceptable in society. It would not solve everything and not right away, but it, along with other measures, might help."

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A 'noogie' never hurt me: Vice mag founder

Long before teens posted nasty comments on their friends' Facebook pages and adults took surreptitious photos of Walmart shoppers to post and mock on peopleofwalmart.com, there was Vice magazine. It pioneered the art of matching photos of regular people with cutting comments.

Gavin McInnes, a founder of Vice who cut ties with the magazine in 2008, created the infamous Dos and Don'ts in early '90s Montreal. A bully by today's standards, he argues that bullying — especially the old-fashioned noogie and purple nurple — is good for children.

Dos and Don'ts were photos taken of people out in public — knowingly or unknowingly — paired with humorous insults or lecherous and offensive compliments. It began when Vice was based in Montreal and continued as a staple of the magazine when its founders moved it to Brooklyn and found worldwide success.

"But now, with Instagram and all that, the whole thing has become moot. Everyone is a Dos and Don'ter," McInnes said.

He says bullying has changed over time.

"When I was a kid, bullies weren't necessarily a bad thing," he said. "You got a wedgie. No one wore glasses when I was in school because you'd be a 'four-eyes.' Now, all kids have glasses."

McInnes says legal attempts to stop cyberbullying won't help children. High-profile cases of kids who kill themselves after they've been bullied are not enough to prove a crisis, he said.

"To cling to that I'm sure sells papers and makes people feel special and makes people feel that they're righteous, but the mathematical truth of it is it's not a major problem and the worst thing you could do would be to try to fix this fake problem by regulating people. Sorry, someone called you fat. Sorry, you were bullied online. That's called high school."

McInnes fondly recalls his childhood, when he says bullies were respected as tough guys that you'd want to be, and kids were tough enough to ride their bikes barefoot until their soles were like leather.

"Every kid had a cast on,

Point and laugh

- Gavin McInnes recalls the first negative reaction he got from a Dos and Don'ts entry. It came from a woman whose shirt he said made her look like she had "penis tits." She was mad and expected him to care, he said. "I guess people actually aren't used to being antagonized, but that's the secret to being funny."

we wouldn't wear a helmet, we didn't have car seats, and then you go into the real world and you can fight and survive," he said. "Now we have fat kids, sitting inside where it's safe, playing video games, being regulated to extinction."

"You do a lot more disservice to a child when you make him scared of the world and when you put him in a protective bubble where it's illegal for anyone to be mean to him. Mean is good, because the world is cruel."

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Anti-bullying: A cause célèbre

Anti-bullying has become a rallying point for celebrities who have been bullied themselves.

- Lady Gaga, who set up the Born This Way Foundation to fight bullying, said in the documentary Inside the Out-side:

"The boys picked me up and threw me in the trash can on the street on the corner of my block, while all the other girls from the school were leaving and could see me in the trash and everybody was laughing — and I was even laughing ... And I remember even one of the girls looking at me like, 'Are you about to cry? You're pathetic.'"

- Possibly the most bullied teen in America, Rebecca Black, singer of the YouTube hit Friday, went on to become an anti-bullying spokesperson. She said in a press release for the PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center:

"Bullying is something that affects so many and it can happen to anyone. I know what it's like to have people make fun of you, and I know how much it can hurt. I just don't want other kids to have to go through that."

- Demi Lovato, an anti-bullying spokesperson with the Mean Stinks Campaign, told ABC News:

"I literally didn't know why they were being so mean to me. And when I would ask them why, they would just say, 'Well, you're fat.' I was bullied because I was fat. And then a few months later I developed an eating disorder, and that's kind of what I've been dealing with ever since."

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In this Oct. 30 photo, Syrian rebels carry a wounded comrade in a blanket away from the frontline in the town of Harem. Despite two weeks of attacking a Roman-era citadel in which pro-Assad militia are dug in, the rebels failed to secure the town. MUSTAFA KARALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.K. plans direct talks with Syrian rebels as violence escalates

Damascus clashes.

U.K. PM Cameron says Obama win is an opportunity to do more to stop ongoing conflict in war-torn Syria

Syrian rebels made a new push into Damascus on Wednesday, clashing heavily with troops in the rebellious suburbs of the capital and firing mortars at a presidential palace and a Palestinian refugee camp, activists said.

The regime stronghold of Damascus has seen a surge in violence this week with some of the fiercest

clashes in months. In recent days, opposition fighters also stepped up assaults on high-ranking supporters of President Bashar Assad in the capital.

The rebels also have been trying to break the resistance of a pro-government Palestinian faction, which could drag the half-million Palestinian refugees in Syria into the civil war.

The new challenge from rebels in the capital comes as the U.S. and Britain take steps to bolster the fragmented Syrian opposition. British Prime Minister David Cameron said his government planned to change its policy and deal directly with opposition military leaders. Previously, Britain

has had contacts only with exile groups and political opposition figures inside Syria.

Rebels fired several mortar rounds at the Syrian president's residence in central Damascus on Wednesday morning but failed to hit their mark, said Bassam al-Dada, an adviser to the commander of the Free Syrian Army.

There are two presidential palaces in Damascus. One is located in Muhajireen district in northwestern part of Damascus, and is known as the Muhajireen Palace. The other residence is known as the People's Palace and it's located on Mount Qasioun, overlooking the capital.

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Health

Assad regime seizing medical aid, claims Syrian medical group

President Bashar Assad's regime is confiscating much of the medical aid that the Syrian Arab Red Crescent in Damascus tries to distribute, a spokesman for a Syrian medical-aid group said Wednesday.

Dr. Tawfik Chamaa, a Syrian doctor in Geneva and spokesman for the Union of Syrian Medical Relief Organizations, said that as much as "95 per cent of everything that is sent to Syrian Red Crescent headquarters in Damascus goes to support the Syrian regime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria. Western efforts to push out Assad ramp up in wake of U.S. election

Western efforts to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad shifted dramatically Wednesday, with Britain announcing it will deal directly with rebel military leaders. A Turkish official also said his nation has held discussions with NATO allies, including the United States, on using Patriot missiles to protect a safe zone inside Syria.

The developments came within hours of President Barack Obama's re-election. U.S. allies anticipate a new, bolder approach from the American leader to end the deadlocked civil war that has killed thousands of people since an upris-

ing against Assad began in March 2011.

U.S. officials said Patriot missiles or other assets could be deployed to Turkey's side of the border for defensive purposes against possible incursions, mortar strikes and the like.

But Washington isn't prepared to send any such equipment inside Syria, which would amount to a violation of sovereignty and a significant military escalation, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

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Need-to-know. Canada sets privacy guidelines for phone app developers

Several Canadian privacy watchdogs have created a set of guidelines to help mobile developers create "privacy-friendly" smartphone apps.

And they warn that failing to be transparent about information collected could see developers run afoul of the law.

Federal privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart joined her counterparts in British Columbia and Alberta in releasing a document that explains how Canada's privacy laws apply to mobile developers.

Stoddart says it's been challenging to ensure everyone in the mobile-app industry knows that the rules apply to them.

"Sometimes I get the impression they don't care and they're not going out of their way to find out. And sometimes it's a catch-me-if-you-can attitude," she said in an



Under new rules, developers must ensure info collected is relevant and secure. BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

interview.

Stoddart says any developer that sells an app to Canadians must comply with the same privacy legislation as any other business.

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Anti-Muslim filmmaker. Fraudster in trouble for aliases and schemes

Prosecutors could provide more details Wednesday about the California man behind an anti-Muslim film that roiled the Middle East in a case where he's accused of violating the terms of his probation by lying about his identity.

While none of the eight alleged violations have to do with the content of Innocence of Muslims, what prompted Mark Basseley Youssef to use at least two aliases after he was convicted in 2010 of bank fraud remains a mystery.

The revocation hearing will give Youssef, 55, a chance to challenge any evidence gathered by federal authorities since his arrest in late September, just weeks

after he went into hiding when deadly violence erupted in Libya and other parts of the Middle East in response to the movie.

Enraged Muslims have demanded severe punishment for Youssef, with even a Pakistani cabinet minister offering \$100,000 to anyone who kills him.

Youssef had been sentenced to 21 months in prison for using more than a dozen aliases and opening about 60 bank accounts to conduct a cheque-fraud scheme, prosecutors said. After Youssef was released from prison, he was barred from using computers or the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer.

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Greece rages ahead of dire austerity vote

Growing desperation.

Violence erupts on the second day of a general strike that has all but shut down the struggling nation

An anti-austerity demonstration by more than 80,000 people in Athens degenerated into violence Wednesday as hundreds of protesters clashed with riot police ahead of a crucial parliamentary vote on new spending cuts.

The vote is the toughest test yet for the country's fragile four-month-old coalition government, which must pass the 13.5-billion-euro (\$17-billion) package to ensure Greece continues receiving bailout loans and avoids bankruptcy.

The measures will pile more pain on the Greeks, who have suffered wave after wave of spending cuts and tax hikes since their government revealed in 2009 that public debt was actually far higher than officially declared.

On Wednesday, the second day of a 48-hour general strike, hundreds hurled rocks and gasoline bombs at police guarding Parliament, who responded with tear gas, stun grenades and water cannon.

The strike against the bill shut down the public administration, left hospitals functioning on emergency staff and closed schools. All ferry and train schedules have been cancelled until Thursday, flights were disrupted by a four-hour air traffic controllers' strike and Athens was without public transport for most of the day.

The austerity package is nevertheless expected to scrape through when the



A riot police officer is engulfed by petrol bomb flames thrown by protesters in front of the Athens parliament Wednesday. DIMITRI MESSINIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

vote is held later in the night. But any defections or abstentions could severely weaken the conservative-led coalition formed in June.

"Today we face the most critical decision any government has taken in the past 37 years," said Prime Minister Antonis Samaras. "Many of these measures are fair and should have been taken years ago, without anyone asking us to."

"Others are unfair — cutting wages and salaries — and

there is no point in dressing this up as something else," he said, adding that Greece was, however, obliged to take them.

The alternative is bankruptcy and financial chaos as the country would likely have to leave the 17-country euro bloc.

"The alternative is much worse than any of these measures," said Samaras.

The government combined has 176 of Parliament's 300 seats, and needs a simple

The stakes

Days away from true bankruptcy

Greece's next bailout instalment of 31.5 billion euros, out of a 240-billion-euro total, is already months overdue. Without it, the prime minister says, Greece will run out of money on Nov. 16.

If Athens cannot raise sufficient funds, it will quickly find it impossible to pay its huge debts. As well as pushing the country out of the euro, this could trigger a nightmare of bank runs, hyperinflation and currency depreciation that would vaporize savings and put basic goods out of the reach.

The measures include pension cuts and tax hikes, an increase in the retirement age and laws that will make it easier to fire civil servants who are currently guaranteed jobs for life.

Even if Parliament approves the legislation, it is unlikely Greece will receive the next instalment in time for the Nov. 16 deadline.

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majority of those present to pass the bill. Without the Democratic Left, which has said it will vote against, Samaras' conservatives and the Socialists control 160 votes. However, there is a threat of more dissenters, particularly from the Socialist party.

The reforms aim to lower public debts but will in the process also hurt the economy, which is set to enter a sixth year of recession with unemployment at a record 25 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Lost WWI medal finds its way back home

Auctioned on eBay.
Bike-club member returns native soldier's Victory Medal to its rightful owners

The medal awarded to a battle-scarred First World War soldier has been returned, almost a century later, to his family in the Mohawk community where he lived.

In 1919, Pte. James Beauvais returned from Europe with shrapnel in his chest and limited use of his left arm. Like all victorious Canadian and British soldiers, he was awarded a Victory Medal before being discharged. The postwar period was filled with tragedy.

He suffered from chronic physical pain and emotional anguish that would be described today as post-traumatic stress disorder or "shell shock."

He abandoned his wife and young daughter and drifted out West. Within a decade Beauvais was dead. He was buried in a modest grave, more than 2,000 kilometres from home.

Now his medal has completed a long journey home.

It was returned several weeks ago to his great-niece, Lynn Beauvais, at the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Kahnawake, Que.

The story of its path home includes a motorcycle club and eBay.

Normand Carrieres, a part-Wendat who rolls as a part-time biker in the Rolling Thun-



A Victory Medal awarded to First World War soldier Pte. James Beauvais is shown by his great-niece, Lynn Beauvais, on Wednesday in Kahnawake, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

der club, routinely checks the online auction sites for bike parts, medals and military memorabilia.

The medal, listed "WW1 Victory Medal to Native Canadian, Pte. James Beauvais," jumped out. He had read Johnny Beauvais' book "Kahnawake: A Mohawk Look at Canada, Adventures of Big John Canadian."

His motorcycle club, Rolling Thunder, is closely tied to veterans' causes. Through the club, Carrieres developed a kinship with a number of aboriginal veterans across North America. They included Gene Montour, the district commander of the Kahnawake Legion branch.

Carrieres won the medal with four seconds left in the eBay auction. After the auction, Carrieres heard that the

Beauvais were looking for the person who had won it.

He learned the news while buying cigars at one of Kahnawake's contraband cigarette shops.

He contacted the local newspaper, the Eastern Door, and set up a meeting with Lynn Beauvais.

Lynn Beauvais was moved to near tears when Carrieres returned the family heirloom.

"It felt like he (James) was making it happen," Lynn Beauvais said of the discovery.

The final step for her and her sisters will be to transport James' remains back to Kahnawake.

If it is not too expensive, she says, she wants to travel to Winnipeg with soil from the community and exchange it with some from his grave.

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Winnipeg. Displaced First Nations students get ousted from school

Children evacuated from a flooded Manitoba First Nation are being dispersed again — this time for their education.

The 85 children from Lake St. Martin First Nation were among hundreds of community residents who were taken to Winnipeg after severe flooding in the spring of 2011.

The kids have been going to school together in a rented building in Winnipeg, leased by the federal government.

But the building was found by city fire officials last week to have violated fire-code regulations.

In a written statement, the department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development said it had to ensure the kids could continue their education.

The children are now going to different public schools — a move that has upset the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs,

who stated in a letter to the federal government that they will suffer from discrimination.

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If you stick to solid businesses that perform well in any economic environment, says columnist Bryan Borzykowski, your portfolio will eventually rise. ISTOCK

Building a stock picking strategy

Investing. This is the second of our three-part series on getting into the stock market



IN THE MARKET
Bryan Borzykowski
For Metro

It won't come as a surprise to know that it's pretty difficult to predict where the stock market is headed. If we knew what would happen, we all would have sold our tech stocks in 2000; we would have exited the market in mid-2008; and we would have all jumped back in March 2009.

While bad economic news out of Europe does negatively impact markets, and while investors are worried about America's fiscal issues, it's foolish for the average person to make bets based on what may or may not happen in the world. The only way to really "play" the market is by investing in reliable, revenue-generating companies for the long-term.

What makes a company reliable? Typically, the best companies to own are in sectors that are impervious to an economic downturn.

Food companies, for instance, do well in downturns because people always need to eat. Telecoms outperform too — no one wants to give up their Internet.

Dividend paying companies have also been proven to be less volatile than non-yielding companies. The dividend — a payout by the company to shareholders — is often a focusing force for executives. They need to be prudent with their company's money; if they're not, and the dividend gets cut, investors will want to sell.

Large, multinational brand

name companies do well over the long-term too. Their size make it less likely that they'll go bankrupt; their international footprint means they have multiple avenues for growth and their brand name will keep people coming back for more. Think McDonald's, Coke and Procter & Gamble.

Whether you pick stocks or invest in mutual funds, these types of "blue chip" stocks should form the basis of most people's portfolios. Some investors, though, may want to boost returns by buying what's called "growth" stocks. These are often small companies — with a market capitalization of under \$1 billion — they're in cyclical sectors that outperform during boom times and they're companies with incredible growth. They are more volatile than blue chips, but, as the famous investing adage goes, risk equals reward.

It's actually a good idea to hold both. Large-cap stocks tend to appreciate slowly, though the dividend will help boost returns, while the share prices of small-caps can increase quickly. A combination should give you some growth without putting your entire portfolio at risk.

Whatever you choose to buy, make sure you're purchasing a company that isn't going to implode in the short-term.

So do your due diligence. Read what's on Morningstar.com — a popular investing website that analyzes stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds — seek out analyst reports and comb through financial reports.

If you don't have the time, talk to an adviser or buy a mutual fund, where the managers pick the stocks for you.

Ask any expert and they'll tell you not to try and time the market. If you stick to solid businesses that will perform well in any economic environment, then your portfolio will eventually rise.

Terminology

Know your numbers

If you're checking out a potential buy online, here are three numbers to look out for.

P/E: A company's price-to-earnings ratio tells people how much an investor is willing to pay per dollar of earnings. Very generally, a P/E ratio lower than the market P/E means a stock is cheap; if the metric is above, the company may be expensive.

Dividend Yield: This number tells you how much money the company is giving back to shareholders. It often has two numbers next to it — the first is the dividend per share, the second is the annual yield.

Price: The share price is, of course, important, but it shouldn't drive your investment decision. Apple costs \$576, but it's trading at a cheap 13 times P/E. Look at the share price, then look at metrics such P/E to determine if the company is worth buying.

Next in the series

- **In Metro Friday:** Should you go it alone or go to an adviser? Plus, online tools for the DIY types.

Bryan Borzykowski is a Toronto-based financial writer and the author of Building Wealth All-in-One for Canadians for Dummies. Contact him at bryanborzykowski.com or follow him on Twitter @bborzyko.

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Targeted exposure: Chain gives Canuck designers shot at in-store collection

Retail. Winner of TFI New Labels award will have their designs sold across country in 2014

Target is teaming up with the Toronto Fashion Incubator to give an emerging designer a chance to create a line to be sold at its Canadian stores.

The discount giant is partnering with TFI for the TFI New Labels fashion design competition. The annual contest is dedicated as a showcase for a select group of up-and-coming Canadian designers.

The TFI New Labels winner will receive a \$25,000 cash award from TFI supporter and philanthropist Suzanne Rogers, as well as the chance to create an exclusive collection to be sold in Target stores across Canada in 2014. The winner will also receive a full-page editorial feature in Flare magazine.



Customers check out at a Target in Albany, Calif. The U.S. retailer, which is coming to Canada next year, has announced it will partner with the Toronto Fashion Incubator to give a young Canadian designer a chance to have their clothes sold in the stores. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Edmonton native Sid Neigum was named the TFI New Labels winner at TFI's 25th anniversary gala in May. The TFI New Labels winner will be announced next April. TFI is a non-profit, small business centre that offers support and mentorship to budding Canadian fashion

designers and entrepreneurs. The organization's concept has been adopted by cities worldwide, including New York, London, Milan, Melbourne, Auckland and Amsterdam.

Target plans to open 125 to 135 stores in Canada starting next year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Confidential settlement

Deal reached in Canada Goose trademark case

A clothing retailer has settled a trademark infringement lawsuit with Canada Goose over its distinctive parkas. Canada Goose sued International Clothiers Inc. earlier this year, accusing it of making shoddy replicas.

The well-known outerwear manufacturer alleged International Clothiers had intentionally designed a logo and positioned it on jackets to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program trademark. The matter was settled Tuesday, but the terms of the settlement are confidential.

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'Pay to pay.' NDP wants to outlaw paper-bill charges

Making people "pay to pay" is unfair and needs to be stopped, the federal Opposition said Wednesday, urging the Harper government to ban companies from charging fees for sending monthly bills by mail.

A number of telephone, Internet and other firms have recently begun charging customers fees if they want paper bills delivered.

"Making folks pay to pay," is a cash cow that needs to be put down, said New Democrat MP Andrew Cash. "It isn't as though these companies are offering a new service for this," Cash told a news conference. "This is a new fee for an old service. It isn't fair."

Bell, as an example, says it charges \$2 to offset the costs of

Unfair fees

- NDP MP Andrew Cash says the "pay-to-pay" fees unfairly target seniors and families already struggling to pay their bills, as well as those who do not have regular access to the Internet or don't like paying bills online.

producing and mailing a printed bill. There is no charge for getting a bill over the Internet.

Rogers Inc. also charges a \$2 fee, but says it directs the money it collects to the Rogers Youth Fund. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Switch to Skype. Microsoft nixes instant-messaging

Microsoft is dropping its instant-messaging program and forcing most users to switch to Skype. Maintaining Windows Live Messenger made less sense after Microsoft Corp. bought Skype for \$8.5 billion US last year.

A new version of Skype released a few weeks ago allows users to sign in with a Microsoft account. By merging the two services, people won't have to maintain two separate contact lists.

Microsoft says that Mes-

By the numbers

2013

Except for mainland China, Messenger will be discontinued worldwide after the first quarter of 2013.

senger users who switch to Skype will get benefits such as the ability to call landline and mobile phones and better support on mobile devices.

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MEMO: ETIQUETTE AMENDMENTS



HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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The following changes are being implemented immediately. Please make a note of it.

- Effective without delay, you must wait for all departing passengers to get off transportation before you are allowed on it. For example, if there is a woman in her 80s attempting to leave a bus, you may no longer crowd on board as if it is the last ship leaving Krypton. Under the new guidelines, doing so makes you a jackass. If there is more than one person attempting to push on at the same time, this DOES NOT divide the jackassery between you. You each remain at Full Jackass. Thank you for your understanding.
- On Internet forums, you may no longer comment on crime or privacy issues with, "What have they got to hide?" or a similar variant when you write under a pseudonym such as SEXYGUY76. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- If you are walking down the sidewalk and refuse to give up an inch of shoulder territory to oncoming pedestrians, you will no longer be considered King of the Sidewalk, no matter how confident your strut. We take no responsibility for loss of ego that may result.
- Hitler may not be mentioned underneath any online political article unless Hitler is the subject of the article. Even then, give it a rest.
- Sitting on the outside of two empty bus seats and then not moving at all when somebody tries to sit on the inside seat, makes you worse than, uh ... Mussolini.
- Effective immediately, all strippers and bartenders are not into you, and are instead faking it because it's their job. Unless you're really, really sure, in which case you're the exception, loverboy.
- In person, you may no longer say any of the following: "We dialogued," "Besties," "Random!" and "Cold enough for ya?" Going forward, you may not use "Going forward."
- If attending televised golf, you may not shout, "Get in the hole!" after every putt, or I will find you and hurt you.
- You may not shove fatty, over-salted food into your gob and then go all Dr. Strangelove when you are offered a flu shot.
- No whistling of any sort. Ever.
- Yelling out the title of each song at a rock concert after a few notes is no longer amazing. It is now very annoying and will make you hated by everyone, including your future grandchildren.
- Please be informed that taking out your smartphone at live theatre makes you a horrible person, retroactive to when smartphones were invented. If you have any concerns, our representatives will be happy to show you many creative ways to conceal your phone.

This concludes the list of changes.

You may have noticed most of the new rules only apply to jerks and fools. If you are neither jerk nor fool, please carry on as before. The only rule for nice, smart people is to chill out about kale. It's just cabbage, for God's sake.

Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters.



If attending televised golf, you may not shout, "Get in the hole!" after every putt, or I will find you and hurt you. Sincerely, John Mazerolle. GETTY IMAGES

They have topped Mount Symmetry



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Mountain photo op

Climbers hang in sync on peak

A team of climbers created this display by symmetrically scaling this needle-like mountain. The crew of 28, from across Europe, travelled to Italy to take on the daunting Ago del Torrone, known as Cleopatra's Needle.

But instead of waiting until they all reached the vertiginous peak, they paused while in perfect symmetry. **METRO**

Photographer's view



"It took me about half a year to organize and prepare for this photograph. Everything from safety, taking the photo from a helicopter to weather conditions came into play."

Robert Boesch
Swiss mountaineering photographer

Inspirational summit

Aim was 'something very strange'

For mountaineer and photo organizer Robert Boesch, inspiration came from simply "trying to do something new, something very strange."

"For some time now, I have concentrated on taking photos of climbers in unusual positions on rock faces," he said.

"It makes the photo truly striking and memorable — that's what I wanted."

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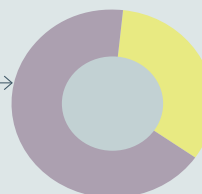
Boesch and the climbers spent roughly six months getting ready for this stunning spectacle. THOMAS SENE/PHOTOPRESS/SWNS



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@Lisamarieweir: I need a bikram yoga studio in Vancouver...anyone?!

@cameronreed: Damn, Empire Theatre is closing down in Vancouver? Major bummer. Gonna sneak a bottle of wine into a darkened room in honour.

@thatlovatobabe: It's snowing everywhere except for Vancouver how typical



A celebration of all things beer (and whisky) comes to the PNE Forum next week during the annual Hopscotch festival. JOHANNES SIMON/GETTY IMAGES

Next week — it's the most wonderful time of the beer

Hopscotch 2012. In the mood for some tasty booze? Head over to the PNE Forum to try some premium brews and whisky



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Beer is good. Beer and whisky is better. That's the loose premise around Hopscotch 2012, this city's long-running premium whisky,

beer and spirit festival.

Now in its 16th year, the festival showcases world-class scotch and whiskies, all kinds of craft beer, and premium spirits, including tequila, vodka and rum.

And folks seem to like it. Last year's festival sold out, and tickets for this year's party are already flying out the door faster than alcohol-infused hotcakes.

At the centre of the Hopscotch universe is the Grand Tasting Hall (GTH), which this year gets a new location at the PNE Forum.

That's 44,000 square feet of exhibitors, booze and connoisseurs.

In all, there will be more

than 100 exhibitors featuring 350 products to sample. The GTH is open Nov. 16 and 17 from 6 to 10 p.m.

There are more than two dozen events in all, including master classes with distillers, brewers and other experts.

There are also a number of satellite events, like multi-course paired dinners, Whisk(ely) 101 and 201 seminars (both already sold out), and, if you like cigars, the Great Whisky Smoke.

Check out the Whisky Brunch Fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 18 at Legacy Liquor Store in the Olympic Village. Hosted by Marcus Von Albrecht, director of

the BC Chefs' Association, food and whisky pairings will be prepared by the Junior Culinary Team of Canada.

Funds raised will help pay expenses to send the team to Germany for the

Culinary Olympics in 2013. Hopscotch 2012 kicks off Monday and runs until Nov. 18.

To find out for what events you can still get tickets, visit HopscotchFestival.com.

Other happenings

- **Vancouver Jewish Film Festival.** Another long-standing local festival, the VJFF celebrates 24 years this week with 27 international films playing until November 15 at the Ridge Theatre. Visit VJFF.org for more information.
- **Nutcracker.** Ballet BC presents the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in the holiday favourite from Dec. 14 to 16 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Tickets for Nutcracker (\$30.25-\$87.25) can be purchased via Ticketmaster.

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"Whistler has some of the most consistent and reliable snow in the world," says Peter Lonergan, spokesperson for Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort.

"It is no wonder we are ranked as one of the best."

Get ready to don your gear as Whistler Blackcomb's slopes will officially open for the season Nov. 22, and feature the most skiable terrain in North America, with 8,171 acres.

"Whistler also has one of the longest ski seasons in North America, November to May, and a snowmaking department consisting of over 200 snowmaking guns ensuring unforgettable skiing and riding from opening day until closing," Lonergan says.

With such a long season and great snow, it is easy to plan your ski vacation around some of the amazing events scheduled for Whistler Black-

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comb this winter.

Some of the events include: The North Face Park and Pipe Open Series from Jan. 14-17; WinterPRIDE from Feb. 3-10; and the World Ski and Snowboard Festival from April 12-21.

"The 10-day (World Ski and Snowboard Festival) event showcases not only some of the best skiers and snowboarders in the world, but also some world-renowned bands," Lonergan says.

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Forget the fun in the sun this winter and treat the family to a “snowcation” at Whistler Blackcomb.

Whether you and your family are flying down the slopes of either Whistler or Blackcomb, cruising down the Coca Cola Tube Park, or taking a break from the action in the Magic Castle or Tree Fort, your Whistler Blackcomb vacation will be one to remember.

Whistler Blackcomb is really a destination for all ages and abilities.

“Whistler is a great place to take the family because of the incredible programs that Whistler Snow School has to offer, the on-mountain Family Zones and the family-friendly events,” says Peter Lonergan, spokesperson for Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort.

“Enjoy the Family Zone and play areas where kids can take a break from skiing and riding and explore these fun features in a snowy playground setting.

With a new “Family Certified” icon displayed on ski runs, in stores, online and in food and beverage locations to help guests spot kid-friendly areas, products and services, Whistler Blackcomb is now more family-friendly than ever.

You and your family can now ski or ride all-new family-friendly runs or check out the activities, which includes The School Yard on Whistler Mountain, featuring a mini skills zone, an improved race training zone and additional flags and signage for ease of finding.

The School Yard will be a place for you and your up-and-coming skiers

SNOW SCHOOL

Whistler Snow School offers lessons for children ages three to 18 and also offers licensed child-care programs for children aged 18 to 48 months.

Don’t worry about lugging all the equipment to the hill on your vacation — Whistler Blackcomb offers brand new equipment rentals for children, as well as adults.

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Barry Levinson, director of such modern American classics as *Diner*, *The Natural* and *Rain Man*, makes a surprising venture into the horror realm this week with *The Bay*, an unnerving fright fest about a coastal July 4 celebration that goes horribly wrong. Since this is such a departure for Levinson, we were curious to find out what his five favourite horror movies were. He was nice enough to take the time to answer in his own words:

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The eternal Exorcist. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

The Exorcist (1973)

The Exorcist has some gutsy filmmaking. If you go back and watch it, pretty much nothing scary happens for the first 45 minutes. It's just slowly building tension. Then the daughter comes downstairs in the middle

of her mother's Georgetown cocktail party and urinates on the carpet in front of all the guests. It's an incredible moment and the movie just goes from there. It's not trying to have fun with the horror like a lot of the films of today. It suggests that this very well could have happened.

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Horror favourites

Let The Right One In (2008)

I don't know if I would label this one strictly horror, but it certainly is terrifying. And touching. Tomas Alfredson is one of the many talented directors coming out of Sweden right now and this one works so well because it's as interested

in character as it is in horrifying moments and imagery. Shot against a cold, icy landscape, it's as much a love story between the two children as it is a vampire film.



Frankenstein (1931)

Don't think you can overlook the original Frankenstein. Great design for a monster. Classical form. And one of the great understated scenes of tension when the monster comes upon a very young girl. She accepts him without question. And we just wait for something terrible to happen.



Diabolique (1955)

The 1950s French film directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot. As far as I know, no one was doing horror/thriller with as much originality as this film at the time. The story takes place at a boarding school in the French countryside where a

schoolmaster's wife and his mistress conspire to kill him. When they do, the body disappears and a series of strange and disturbing events occur. This film has some fantastic imagery and incredible psychological tension.



Psycho (1960)

Again, all the great horror movies remain great because they did something outside the box. Killing a movie star as big as Janet Leigh was unheard of. Nobody did that. And to do it in the shower like that. It has now become an iconic moment. I actually made a good deal of fun of it in *High Anxiety*.

iety, but I remember my mouth kind of dropping when I saw it. I heard Hitchcock tried to grab the rights to *Diabolique* and lost out to Henri-Georges Clouzot. In turn, he made *Psycho* a few years later and used some of the great imagery *Diabolique* used with water, bathrooms, death.



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Is scene in new Lincoln biopic a subtle nod to the man's sexuality?

Lincoln. Set in 1865, the great U.S. president shares an ambiguous moment with an aide as he stresses over his duties

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Late in Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln*, when Honest Abe (as played by Daniel Day-Lewis) is wrestling with the decision to press ahead on getting the 13th Amendment passed, he pays a late-night visit to the sleeping quarters of John Hay, a young aide (played by Joseph Cross).

There's much affectionate thigh-patting and hair-tousling. In the scene, Hay asked if Lincoln would like any "company" that night. Which got us to wondering: Was that scene meant to be seen as a subtle nod to the

wide-ranging theories about Lincoln's personal life?

"You mean was he gay?" screenwriter Tony Kushner offers back with a grin. "I think there's a great deal of reason in the historical record to wonder. There's absolutely nothing definitive," he says.

"Given the number of people in Lincoln's very empyrean realm who were probably or definitely bisexual at least — Michelangelo, Shakespeare, et cetera — I'd say there might be some theory that one could generate that people who really are dealing in that realm aren't as limited by categories as the rest of us. And I think there is some evidence. I mean, Carl Sandburg said it in 1930. There are spots of lavender in Lincoln's early life, is the way he put it."

Sally Field, for her part, is rather particular of Mr. Lincoln, probably because she spent so long playing his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. "I



Daniel Day-Lewis plays Abraham Lincoln in Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln* AP PHOTO/DREAMWORKS, 20TH CENTURY FOX, DAVID JAMES

say no he wasn't," she says with a laugh. On a more serious note, she explains that back then, "men were so much more open with their affection for each other. Their letters to each other were, you know, 'My darling, I miss you.' They were extraordinary. 'I long to be in your presence.' And in

today's homophobic world, you immediately go to that's where they are. Whether that's where they were or whether they dabbled, who knew?"

As far as Kushner — who won a Pulitzer Prize for the AIDS drama *Angels in America* — is concerned, this film isn't trying to say one way or

the other. "I think that it's a mistake for historians to err on either side," Kushner explains. "I don't think we should jump into certainty where there is no certainty, but I also think historians should not say, as some have, he absolutely wasn't gay or bisexual. We don't know, and we will never

know unless somebody discovers something lying around. So the question is for me, as Sally just said so eloquently at the Human Rights Campaign dinner, so what? Who cares who he wanted to sleep with? He was Abraham Lincoln, a great president."

One thing is for sure though, and that's that during the heated political action of the movie, Lincoln certainly wasn't getting frisky with anyone, male or female. "In 1865, I feel comfortable in saying in January he wasn't getting laid by anybody," Kushner says. "He was very busy the whole time."

Sure, but what about the scene in question? Even if the movie doesn't want to say definitively one way or the other if Lincoln was gay, was that late-night confab meant to be a nod to the theories about the sexuality of the 16th president? Yes, Kushner later confides to Metro. "You're exactly right."


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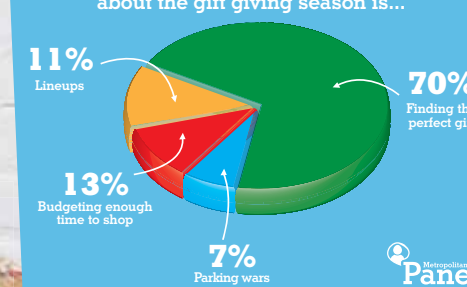
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Ne-Yo performing in Las Vegas. CHRISTOPHER POLK/GETTY IMAGES

Ne-Yo paints town R.E.D. to celebrate his musical blessing

Busy man. New album finds the R&B stalwart in reflective and thankful mood and saying it's his most well balanced project yet

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In the time since his last album, Ne-Yo has become a father for the second time, hit the big screen with a role in the George Lucas-directed *Red Tails* and recently took on the job of senior vice president of artists and repertoire at a little company known as Universal Motown (a job that music legend Smokey Robinson once held).

But even with a full plate, he says he is focused on making sure his newly released set *R.E.D.* — which stands for Realizing Every Dream — is a success. He sounds quite content as he speaks about how art imitates life with the new album's title.

"I started setting a lot of dreams and aspirations for myself," he says about his childhood. "I wanted to win Grammys. I wanted the respect and appreciation of my peers. I wanted to travel the world behind my music and provide for my family. I

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"I love what Frank Ocean is doing with the R&B right now. He definitely has a different take on it and that's a step in the right direction"

Ne-Yo

Humble roots

- **Love of music.** Ne-Yo says that although he enjoys performing, what has always been more important to him is that he actually has a song that's worth performing. "At nine I discovered the beauty of songwriting," he says. "I didn't know if I was going to be an artist. I didn't know if I was going to play an instrument but I knew it was going to be music."

can honestly say that from (the age of) nine until now at 33 years old, just about every dream I set for myself has been realized through music. This album is a celebration of that blessing."

On what he calls the most well-balanced project of his career, *R.E.D.* is split between R&B and dance tracks in an effort to satisfy his entire fan base. The result is an album equally as useful in the bedroom as it is in the club.

The singer/songwriter has been outspoken about the lack of passion in today's R&B. Yet even with his criticism, he is quickly able to point to a few artists that get him going.

"I love what Frank Ocean is doing with the R&B right now," he says. "He definitely has a different take on it. That's a good step in the right direction. I love what Miguel is doing."

Ne-Yo also admits that

the criticism he offered to Trey Songz was premature.

"I had made some comments about Trey that I have to retract and apologize to him. I hadn't listened to Chapter V yet," he says of Songz's latest work. "He is putting the passion back in it. His performance is definitely there. There are steps (being made) to getting (R&B) back there. We just have to keep it going."

With his new role at Motown, Ne-Yo hopes to be able to do just that. He also says he likes the idea of being a part of history.

"I'd like to be instrumental in the revitalization of Motown," he says, "and more importantly ... I'd like to be able to take the knowledge that I have acquired and be able to pass it down."

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Director explores online world with Audrey, part of female-centric channel

YouTube. Betty Thomas trumpets the benefits of working in a web-series as opposed to the perils of traditional TV

Director Betty Thomas neatly sums up the benefits of making a low-budget online series: A lack of high-level meddling.

"There's no network saying, 'Oh, Betty, I'm not sure viewers will like that character if she picks that banana up,'" the Emmy-winning actress-turned-director said. Mention that the character enjoys fruit, she said, and the network comeback may be, "But what does a banana symbolize?"

The independence Thomas enjoyed making Audrey for the WIGS YouTube channel came with its own challenges, including limited resources for the half-dozen



Kim Shaw as Audrey, left, and Arielle Kebbel as Marissa, star in Audrey. HANDOUT

episodes that are seven to eight minutes long.

"You get whoever you can force to work for no money," she said.

She had the advantage of

cajoling previous collaborators including Gary Cole, whom Thomas directed in the big-screen flick The Brady Bunch Movie (1995).

Audrey, about a woman

whose great passion in life is food, also allowed for the discovery of relative newcomers Kim Shaw, who plays Audrey, and screenwriter Leah Rachel. New episodes debut

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"There's no network saying, 'Oh, Betty, I'm not sure viewers will like that character if she picks that banana up.'"

Director Betty Thomas
Talking about the advantages of her show

Monday and Friday through Nov. 16.

Shaw "is so spectacular in the piece. She came out of nowhere for me but really works in ways I couldn't have imagined," Thomas said.

Rachel is "such a hip girl, with a voice I never heard before, certainly a voice I've never been able to direct before, a young, free voice."

Thomas, who won an Emmy for Hill Street Blues before turning to directing — with the 1997 Howard Stern film Private Parts among her credits — is equally enthused about the veterans behind WIGS.

Launched last March, WIGS is the brainchild of filmmakers Jon Avnet (Black Swan, Fried Green Tomatoes) and Rodrigo Garcia (Albert Nobbs, TV's In Treatment).

WIGS is an acronym for the channel's tagline, "Where it gets interesting."

The programming, including original series, short films and documentaries, features lead female characters and stories that the channel vows will be provocative and "addictive."

"Many people are doing web series, but not in the way Jon and Rodrigo are, being supportive of women ... It's an exciting place to be," Thomas said, adding, "It's crazy, it's hard," but it encourages creativity.

Some in the entertainment industry are reluctant to get involved in online projects because they don't see any profit potential, Thomas said. She believes that will change. "In the long run, there is going to be money in it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Nice girl warms to playing bad girl role

Interview. Krysten Ritter talks about why she thinks she is so good in her role on *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23*

Talking to Krysten Ritter, you quickly realize she's happy, bubbly and fun. So how did such a nice girl get cast as anything but on ABC's *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23*?

"Maybe that's why they picked me to do it," Ritter said in a recent interview.

She cites one of her favourite quotes by Bette Davis. "Why am I so good at playing b—es? I think it's because I'm not a b—. Maybe that's why Joan Crawford always plays ladies."

On *Don't Trust the B—*,

now in its second season (Tuesday), Ritter plays Chloe, a con artist who spends her time scheming to make an easy buck.

She shares a Manhattan apartment with a Midwesterner named June. At first Chloe just wants to scam June out of her money, but ends up softening to her.

"I think I bring lightness to (the role). I'm girly and I like to have a good time and joke around and I think that helps the character not just be evil. I think there's two different ways you can play this character. You could just be an evil, mean person or you could make it fun," the 30-year-old actress said.

On the show, Chloe's best friend is a fictionalized version of actor James Van Der Beek, played by Van Der Beek.

"I love him. I've loved getting to know him. We talk all the time. We spend every

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"Why am I so good at playing b—es? I think it's because I'm not a b—"

Krysten Ritter
Citing a Bette Davis quote while talking about her role on *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23*

minute together when we're on set. Even when we're in our trailers. We talk on the

phone. He's become like a great man in my life," she said.

Ritter appeared on *Gilmore Girls* and *Veronica Mars*, but is probably best known for her short-lived role as Aaron Paul's girlfriend on AMC's *Breaking Bad* who dies of a drug overdose.

"I did *Breaking Bad* thinking, 'No one will see this. I'll just do it because it's awesome.' And it's turned out to be like the biggest credit I

have in my career."

Don't Trust the B— was introduced earlier this year as a midseason show.

"I did a *Gossip Girl* spin-off which was supposed to be this huge thing and it was not good and didn't work and it didn't get picked up. So I stopped thinking about results and I did the pilot for this and I loved it and I had a great time but ... I had no expectations."

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Ritter

Until a few weeks ago, Krysten Ritter didn't even own a TV set, so she hadn't seen her own show.

- **Quote.** "I didn't even know how this DVR thing worked. ... It's crazy. I work in television and I haven't seen any of it."
- **TV.** Now that she has one, she says she completely understands the appeal of the show.



American actress and former model Krysten Ritter stars in the comedy series *Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23*. DAN HALLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Supermodel Heidi Klum will host of the upcoming MTV European Music Awards in Frankfurt this Sunday. We chat with her about the pressure of red carpet dressing and how she's prepping for her upcoming gig.

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What made you choose Versace for your wardrobe for the MTV EMAs?

A music awards show is very different from say, the Oscars. MTV is hip, young and fun. The Versace dresses I'll be wearing aren't glamorous gowns. They're short, hot and cool. Very rock and roll. When I saw what Donatella sent, I thought, "This is it!" Some of the pieces had to be made especially for

me because the ones straight off the runway, don't always fit me. I'm not that thin.

Dressing up for an awards show must come with so much pressure! What are a few rules that you normally stick by in order to avoid bad photo-ops and worst dressed lists?

I'm not a very conservative person. I like to stay true to myself and stick to my instinct. When I fall in love with an outfit, I just go for it. I don't care what people are going to say.

When you look back on your awards show red carpet looks, are there any that you wish you could banish from the Internet forever?

No, even though people have put me on the worst dressed list a few times. I always think, "I liked the way I looked that day." Sometimes people go back 10 years and they're like, "Ha ha! Look what you were wearing!" Fashion changes. Maybe that hairdo and that kind of dress were really cool 10 years ago, but not today.

I'm in fashion. I wear what's current, fun and trendy.

What was your favourite red carpet moment of all time?

I've worn so many great dresses so it's hard to pin it down to one. I've had Roberto Cavalli cut me out leather pants into super tiny shorts or there was this crazy lime green dress I wore with turquoise thigh-high boots. I've also gone to the Oscars with a beautiful red Galiano dress and a gigantic bun over my head.



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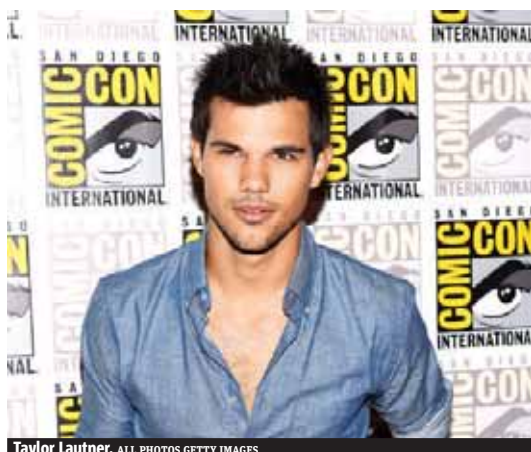
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Taylor Lautner. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lautner weighs in on the troubles of his co-stars

Since he's starred in all five Twilight films with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, it was only a matter of time before Taylor Lautner was asked to weigh in on Stewart's cheating scandal that broke this summer.

An interviewer for Cosmopolitan magazine got him to open up, though Lautner chose a very

diplomatic route for his response.

"To be honest, I've never been involved in any of those situations, so I don't know if trust can be regained," he said.

"It would be just a guess and a shot in the dark, and I don't want to give that if I haven't even been there myself."



Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart.

Stewart playing coy on relationship

Looking for official confirmation that Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson have really reconciled in the wake of her cheating scandal?

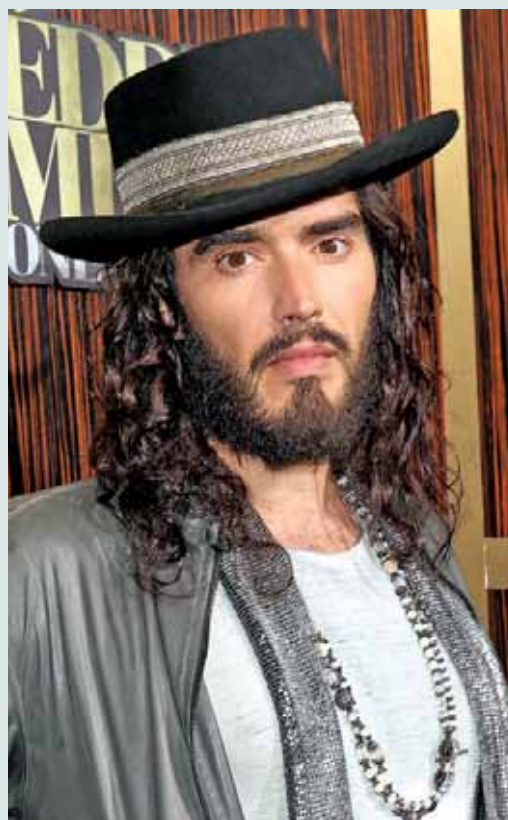
Well, the woman herself isn't being much help in that department. When

asked during an interview on the Today show if she and Pattinson are back together, she says, "Funny you mention that. I'm going to just let people watch whatever little movie they think our lives are. Keep 'em guessing, I always say."

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Interviewing Russell Brand, one tweet at a time

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I've arrived at a publicist's office in Hollywood to chat with British comedian Russell Brand purportedly about his participation in What

About Dick? (whataboutdick.com), a radio play-style stage show written by Monty Python alum Eric Idle.

But Brand has never been known to stick to the topic at hand. He enters with a banana, singing, "And I get so doggone lonesome."

He sits down, peels open the banana and says, "Come on in, mate. What do you need to know?"

Follow our conversation over the next few days at twitter.com/russellsmusings.



Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green.

Brian Austin Green credits Witherspoon for his cover up

Brian Austin Green and Megan Fox managed to keep the birth of their son a secret for more than a month.

And he says all the credit goes to Reese Witherspoon, as the world was too busy cooing over her newborn to notice, he tells

Ryan Seacrest during an interview.

"We got really lucky," he says. "And I've been wanting to send Reese Witherspoon flowers for, like, a month and a half. She actually gave birth, I think, the day before us in Santa Monica."

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Cocktail trouser hour

The look. Cocktails needn't be the only thing in need of a shake and stir. See this season's glitzy trouser, which replaces the little black dress.

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Trousers to a cocktail party? Here are a few reasons to give them a try: 1) Pants are more liberating and easier to dance in than a tiny little dress. 2) They're chic in a slightly unaffected, androgynous kind of way and 3) This season's flashy, embellished versions are bang on trend thanks to Stella McCartney, Jonathan Saunders, Miu Miu and a long list of others who worked the look into their autumn/winter collections. Go for a pair that is sufficiently showy. Think shiny metallics, textured brocade or trippy graphics. Wear them to the office with a button-down and blazer before changing into a festive top and skinny heels for night.

Fashion dictionary

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- **Jacquard.** A decorative weave created on a jacquard loom for damask and brocade fabrics.
- **Damask.** A figured fabric with a pattern that is self-coloured and visible on both sides.

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Jonathan Saunders' girls get their cocktail legs. CONTRIBUTED



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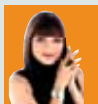


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@Jeanne_Beker: He'll surface somewhere else!

@Jeanne_Beker: Irony they call it UNITED States of America. Nothing "united" about it these days! Here's to hope+another 4 years for Obama to work it.

@rednex50: at least this time he won't have wall street and auto industry collapses to deal with. Onward and upward

@thetomatosnob: well said!



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Canadian street style

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Doris Mattar

Owner of Ponyride and yoga aficionado

Age: 35

What she's wearing

Designer's Remix knit sweater, blouse and jeans. Locale booties

Her inspiration

"Fall means darker colours, yes, but I love this pastel sweater and matching pants."

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Exploring the faux look of nature



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One of the hottest trends in decorating has natural elements incorporated in a room, like wood, stone and fur. A country or modern look can take on an authentic and relaxed feel with a few of these elements.

Natural elements help keep a room's colour scheme neutral, yet add texture and interest.

Here's a grouping of on-trend, natural-looking decor products with a twist.

You see, all of these hot decor times are faux. There's no fur, wood, stone or wool here, so go ahead and get the look — the only thing real is the affordable price.



Leather

Add a warm, casual look to a fancy chandelier with the look of saddle leather. Faux Leather Chandelier Shades, \$22, crateandbarrel.com.

Wool

Get that lodge look with the romance of the Hudson Bay point blanket — in cozy flannel. Flannel Multi-Stripe Sheet Set, \$225/queen set. thebay.com.



Animal skin

Cover your floors with whimsy and style with a trendy animal skin rug. Exotica Tiger 3x5 all-wool rug, \$112, ecarpetgallery.com.

Wood

Water resistant and easy-to-install wood-look vinyl floors give the warmth and character of a New York brownstone at a fraction of the price. Allure Chateau Vinyl Parquet, \$3/square foot homedepot.ca.



Birch

Sip a drink from what looks like a birch tree branch. Canadian Birch Straws, \$14/box, anthropologie.com.



Fur

Add a touch of luxury to the corner of a sofa or the end of a bed. Spotted Lemur Faux Fur Throw, \$99, urbanbarn.com.



Stone

Simple stone shapes offer a contemporary feel to the bathroom. Stone Resin Bath Accessories, \$5-10, cb2.com.

Natural disinfectants

Cleaning for the flu season

Do natural cleaners disinfect well enough for flu season?

-Samantha, Medicine Hat



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With flu season upon us, toxic cleaners can seem tempting. But natural alternatives like vinegar will usually do the trick.

Of course, there are exceptions. (*Pseudomonas*, for example, is a strain of bacteria that doesn't react to vinegar and that can be problematic for folks with cystic fibrosis.)

If you're concerned about the nitty-gritty, do consult a health-care professional.

Assuming you are in good overall health, natural cleaning agents are a great choice, even when the flu bug strikes.

The two most effective natural disinfectants are vinegar and hydrogen peroxide.

White vinegar found in most supermarkets is a five per cent concentration and kills about 80 per cent of germs. It's increasingly



Vinegar will do the trick.

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be diluted to a three per cent concentration, which is how it's usually sold in pharmacies.

Store hydrogen peroxide in a dark bottle out of direct sunlight.

On their own, vinegar and hydrogen peroxide are each strong germ killers. Used in combination, they're even better.

According to research published in *Science News*, this pairing is 10 times more effective than disinfecting with either substance alone and more effective than bleach in the kitchen.

Here's the catch: Mixing them together cuts their germ-killing power, but using one after the other works well.

So when flu season hits, take a one-two approach:

1. Wash hard surfaces with vinegar.
2. Spray the same surfaces with a three per cent hydrogen peroxide.

It doesn't actually matter which disinfectant is used first, but for best results, apply one immediately after the other and let the surface dry. (Don't wipe the vinegar or the hydrogen peroxide away.)

Flu season is never fun, but at least disinfecting to keep the germs at bay doesn't have to be toxic.

The secrets of dry cleaning revealed

What is dry cleaning? How does it work? Is it really bad for my clothing or is this a myth?



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I never really actually understood what dry cleaning was until I learned from my friend Jeremy Creed that dry cleaning has nothing to do with dry — but is in fact wet — just the opposite of what we think about it.

Clothes that are dry-cleaned will not go near water, but are in fact traditionally submerged in a dry-cleaning liquid. The most common of these chemicals is perchlorethylene, more commonly known as perc. Garments are submerged in perc for a short period of time.

The chemical removes the dirt from the garment and the garment is then dried, pressed and packaged for the customer.

Today, many dry cleaners also use different cleaning systems such as the commonly known wet cleaning



Here's a hint: It's more like wet cleaning. ISTOCK IMAGES

systems. These actually use water in combination with different dry cleaning chemicals.

This wet cleaning system still isn't good for everything, but is slowly improving and getting better and better while becoming increasingly popular with professional dry cleaning companies.

Last but not least are the home dry cleaning kits. I personally have never been happy with the results. Particularly if you have a good piece of clothing that is expensive and a classic item you want to keep for many years.

What makes the dry cleaner so good at his or her job is not just the cleaning portion, but what happens to the garment after it has been cleaned. This includes steaming, pressing and packaging the item so that it stays at its very best.

Finally, I personally wouldn't use dry cleaning every day on all of my clothes, but there are times when it is absolutely necessary to dry-clean garments and times when it's not. I say everything in moderation and if you are going to pick a dry cleaner, make sure they are reputable.

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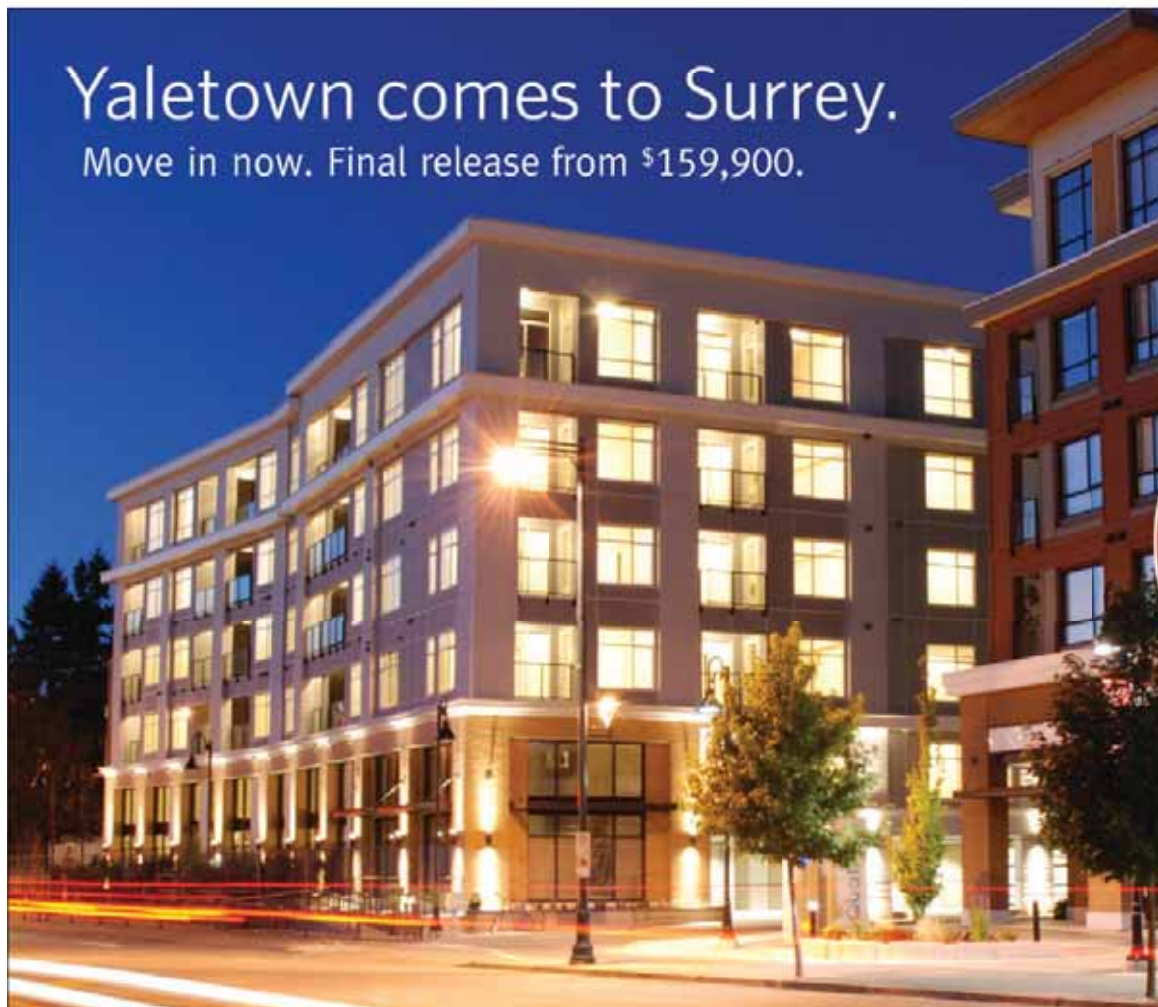


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A bouquet of fresh cut flowers next to a rural mailbox near Langley, Wash. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The perks of growing a cut flower garden

Cut flower gardens are attractive options for those who don't like removing the best blooms from their borders and beds for indoor display.

The bouquets also open new avenues for creativity along with becoming something personal to share. And perhaps best: The cuttings can grow into a profitable sideline.

"Ours is a hobby gone berserk," said Gail Burr, who with her husband, Steve, operates Everlastings and Time Country Gardens in the Finger Lakes region of central New York.

"We always had an interest in gardening so when we retired, we started selling our bouquets and arrangements," she said. "The Canandaigua (N.Y.) Farmers Market is our primary venue, although we also sell for weddings."

The price of a Burr garden bouquet runs \$8 and climbs to around \$25 for something larger, like a hospital spray.

"In my mind, flowers that bring beauty into the home

should be affordable," Burr said. "Typical florist prices are precipitous for many."

The roots of cutting gardens go back to the Victorian era or to wealthy landowners who grew flowers for the manor house, said Debra Prinzing, author of *The 50 Mile Bouquet* (St. Lynn's Press, 2012).

"That's what we think of as cutting gardens," she said. "One row of sunflowers, one of snapdragons, one row of zinnias. Now, though, we're looking at adding cutting ingredients to natural gardens. There's enough variety there that you wouldn't have a bare spot."

Which blooms are best for bouquets? The choices are vast, and include annuals, perennials, bulbs, fruits, vegetables and flowering woody stems. Think lilacs, zinnias, peonies, mums, hydrangeas and sunflowers. Don't forget roses, dahlias, cattails, succulents, kale, grasses and lilies.

Many people have begun planting perennials in their cut-

ting gardens with new genetics that produce tougher plants, more blooms and longer flowering times, said Anthony Tesselaar, president and co-founder of Tesselaar Plants, in Silvan, Australia.

"Once cut, these newer plants come back with even more flowers that grace the garden," Tesselaar said.

Some suggestions for prolonging the beauty of cut botanicals:

- Cut the flowers when they're dew fresh in the morning rather than wilted from the afternoon sun.
- Use sharp shears to prevent crushing the stems, which reduces the flow of water to the blooms.
- Use a commercial floral preservative to acidify the container water. Homemade formulas include table sugar and bleach. "Adding some lemonade also extends the life of the water," Tesselaar said.

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Chandeliers choices: Things are looking up

Lighting. With various designs, chandeliers are like pieces of art that cap off the dining room

Some interior designers tout paint as the best way to change the look of a room. For Lisa Roberts, "It's lighting. ... It's more bang for the buck."

With the holidays approaching, a new chandelier could be a fun and affordable way to make over the dining room, said Roberts, a Minneapolis designer who organized a chandelier fashion show at the home and garden show in that city earlier this year.

Michelle Jennings Wiebe, president of Studio M Interior Design in Tampa, Fla., agreed, saying a dining room should be about more than the table and chairs.

"You really need that piece that caps it off and makes it special," she said. "It's almost like a piece of artwork."

Chandelier shoppers have plenty of choices these days. Chandeliers come in a variety of styles, and can range in price from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands.

"We have a lot of fun picking them out," Wiebe said. "It's a way to make a special impression."

New manufacturing techniques have led to the creation of designs and shapes that previously were not possible, said Joseph Rey-Barreau, an architect and lighting designer and a professor at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Trends include jewel tones, geometric-inspired pieces, retro fixtures and the use of lamp shades, these lighting experts said.

Roberts included several colourful chandeliers at her show. She favours deep jewel tones, and showed one piece made out of black cut crystal. A chandelier can add sophistication or whimsy to a home, she said.

The decor featured on the television show *Mad Men* has created more interest in Mid-century Modern, said Wiebe, and many of her clients are choosing slim, sleek pieces reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s.

In Florida, shell, coral and other nature-inspired lighting also is a common choice, she said.

Shannon Cantor so appreciates the seashell-inspired chandelier in her condo in Redington Beach, Fla., that she put a variation of it in her second home in



A shell chandelier inspired by nature in a coastal dining room.

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Chandelier tips

- Always put chandeliers on a dimmer switch. This makes them more functional and can help set a mood in the dining room.
- To determine what size chandelier is needed, add the width of the room to the length of the room in feet, and then convert that number to inches for a chandelier's diameter. A 10-by-20-foot room, for instance, would require a chandelier with a diameter of about 30 inches.
- In a room with eight-foot ceilings, chandeliers are normally hung about 30 inches above the table. For every additional foot of ceiling height, raise the fixture three inches.
- When shopping for a chandelier ask whether it is part of a "lighting family." Some manufacturers have developed series of fixtures designed to complement each other. The line may include other options for consideration for other rooms.

Tampa. She said she and her husband wanted something they would enjoy looking at every day.

"We walk by it a lot," said. "You want something that grabs your attention. It's going to be there for a long while."

Rey-Barreau called lamp shades on chandeliers "a very, very fashionable trend," from lights surrounded by a single, round drum shade (a little like a hanging table lamp) to a group of mini drum shades covering each bulb. Some chandeliers have removable shades, so you can use them

or not.

When helping clients choose a chandelier, Wiebe considers the size of the room and the style of the home. But she also reminds them that the fixtures have a job to do.

"First and foremost it's for lighting," she said.

For instance, will a table with lighting overhead be used mostly for eating or will children be doing homework there?

"You really need to think about what you are going to do with the fixture," said Rey-Barreau.

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Give your cluttered garage a tune-up



Whether your garage is slightly disheveled or looks more like a storage unit, the changeover to fall is an ideal time to give your parking pad a much-needed tune-up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CONTAINER STORE

Storage. Handy household items are probably buried in your garage somewhere, so clean it up and you'll avoid re-buying items and tripping on that sharp chainsaw

For many families, the end of summer means it's time to put away the inflatable kiddie pools, camping equipment and gardening tools for the season.

If you plan to shove this gear into arbitrary piles around the edge of the garage, you're not alone. But a messy garage is not just unsightly, it can cost you money.

People with cluttered garages tend to waste time searching for misplaced items and end up re-buying things they already own, says Erica Ecker, a professional organizer in New York City. They also risk injury. Garages often hold hedge trimmers, toxic chemicals and other dangerous items alongside children's scooters and bikes.

An overstuffed garage puts your vehicles at risk, too. When the car door can't swing open

without hitting a wheelbarrow or workbench, it gets dented and dinged.

Monica Ricci, a professional organizer who makes appearances on the HGTV show *Mission: Organization*, says that in many homes, garages are so filled with clutter they stop serving their main purpose.

Whether your garage is slightly disheveled or looks more like an overstuffed storage unit, now is an ideal time to give it a tune-up:

Prepare

Tackling a junk-filled garage is physically demanding. Ecker advises pacing yourself and setting a schedule in advance. Consider renting an outdoor storage container so your belongings aren't sitting in the driveway or in the house for a month while you finish re-organizing the garage.

Enlist help. If you can't afford a professional organizer, recruit relatives or offer to swap labour with a friend who is planning a similar household project.

An assistant can help you move heavy objects, keep you motivated and ask objective questions ("Do you really use that?"), says Ellen Kutner, who runs the company Simply Or-

ganized in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Empty and sort

Empty the contents of the garage out into the driveway and begin sorting it into piles, grouping like things together. Categories will vary by household, but you may start with Sporting Equipment, Tools, Hardware, Car Care, Lawn Care, Seasonal, Toys and Household Goods.

Purge

The next step — paring down your stuff — is the most important. First, toss anything broken or expired. Return borrowed items to their owners. If you own multiples of something, donate the duplicates or sell them. Analyze how often things get used. "Too often the garage can be like a time capsule," Ricci says. Are you storing camping equipment from when your college-age kids were Cub Scouts? Time to get rid of it.

Spruce up the space

While the garage is bare, give it a thorough cleaning. Kristin Long, who owns the company The Organizational Specialists, recommends adding durable floor tiles or a fresh coat of paint. Making the garage more visually appealing will inspire

you to keep it tidy. While you're at it, wipe down all the warm-weather gear that is going to get stashed for the next eight months.

Build upward

Look at what's left and figure out where it will live in the garage, placing the most frequently used stuff in the most accessible locations. Install shelving to add vertical storage and get things off the floor. Clear bins are best so you can see what's inside. Ecker recommends the ELFA system sold by The Container Store, saying it's easy to install and adjust. If you're feeling less ambitious, the snap-together plastic shelves sold at any big-box store work fine.

Label everything

Label containers using a Sharpie or other permanent method. Be sure to label the container, not the shelf, so when bins get moved, items are still put in the correct place, Long says.

Maintain

An organizing project is only as good as its upkeep. When you start to see clutter accumulating, it's time to do garage maintenance. If you buy something new, something else has to go.

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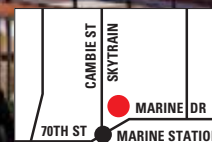


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Three decor lines we're watching

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Metro World News in New York City



Pretty plates

We're loving Mateus, a fantastical and colourful ceramics company from Sweden. "Twenty years ago there wasn't any color on the table," explains designer and CEO Teresa Lundahl about the company's start. "I'm from Portugal and I had married a Swedish man and didn't have a job." So the former model decided to combine fashion colours she'd seen on Paris and New York runways with the traditional ceramics from her homeland for a whimsical tabletop collection. Now, her one-of-a-kind pieces, which are handcrafted in Portugal, are sold worldwide. They're perfect as wedding or housewarming gifts, or just to liven up your boring leftovers.

Zara invades your home

Zara is our beloved go-to for fashion-forward pieces perfect for nights out, job interviews, and just about anytime you want your clothes to lie about your paycheck. Now the brand has expanded its awesome repertoire. Last week marked the debut of zarahome.com, which features home decor that'll make your apartment just as chic as your wardrobe.



Dansk Kobenstyle returns

Kobenstyle, the iconic Scandinavian enameled cookware designed by Jens Quistgaard in 1956, is back. You've drooled over its high-gloss colours, cool sculptural handles and inventive lids that double as trivets in vintage stores, and now you can buy them brand new. Crate and Barrel is carrying the stylish line.



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Weekend warriors: Now's the perfect time to get some work done around the house

Indoors. With a little guidance, you can get your home in shape by Monday morning

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

If you look around your house or apartment and start to list all the improvements you could make, you might just give up before you even start.

Home improvements can be overwhelming when you approach them all at once.

Now that the temperature has dropped, take a weekend here and there to tinker on various indoor projects and you'll be surprised how much you accomplish.

1. Install a simmer switch
This takes very little money and just a basic understanding of wiring.

Or check out YouTube to watch the experts do it. You'll want to install a dimmer — and set the mood — in every room of your house.

2. Rethink storage
Break out of the drab cupboard and expose your dishes, spices, and canned soups.

Open-shelving can be done in almost any room in the house.

If you want to show off your extensive library just look into DIY shelving kits.

You and your living room just got a lot smarter.

3. Design a gallery wall
Pick up a bunch of picture frames in various sizes. You can go to the thrift store or the department store, it all depends on your budget.

Fill the frames with photos, clippings, scrap wallpaper, whatever you want. Place frames on the floor to figure out how

you want to cluster them together.

Go big and take up a whole wall or create small groupings.

It's attention-grabbing and can be done regardless of how much space you have.

4. Give your backslash

some life

It's impressive what a few vibrant tiles can do to a kitchen.

Play around with pattern ideas and colour schemes, glue those suckers to the area behind your kitchen sink and under your cabinets, and you'll feel like you remodeled

the whole kitchen.

5. Splurge if you can

This is for those that have the ability to drop some serious cash on their upgrades.

Think about what room you like best. Are you an aspiring culinary whiz in the

kitchen or a studious worker in the den? Do you primp for what seems like hours in the bathroom?

Find your favourite spot and make it even better. Install that open range stove-top or television that pops up from behind a bookshelf. Go nuts.



Install a dimmer to set the mood in any room of the house. ISTOCK IMAGES

Paint refresh

Commonly recognized as one of the easiest and most cost-effective interior updates, painting is a weekend project that can completely transform your home.

However, low-quality, inexpensive paint will likely require a number of coats to get the coverage needed.

"To avoid increased time and cost, choose a premium line of paint in a colour that you love," says Donna Schroder, the colour marketing manager for Pratt & Lambert Paints.

When choosing paint for your next weekend project, remember that a quality product will achieve the best end



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"Everyone loves traditional cold cooked shrimp around a spicy seafood sauce," write Elizabeth Baird and Rose Murray in Canada's Favourite Recipes. "This version is just the reverse . . . spicy shrimp, served hot with a cooling dip on the side."

1. Sauce: In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, fresh ginger, lime zest and lime juice. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 6 hours.)

2. Shrimp: In a small bowl, combine 1 tsp (5 ml) of the oil, the lime juice, coriander, paprika, cumin, brown sugar, salt, oregano and cayenne. In a large bowl, evenly coat the shrimp with the mixture. Cover and marinate at room temperature for 20 minutes. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 hours.)

3. In a large skillet, heat the remaining 2 tsp (10 ml) of canola oil over medium-high heat. Stir-fry the marinated shrimp until bright pink (no longer opaque) and just

cooked through, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve hot. Arrange on a platter with the sauce for dipping; garnish with lime wedges.

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Sauce

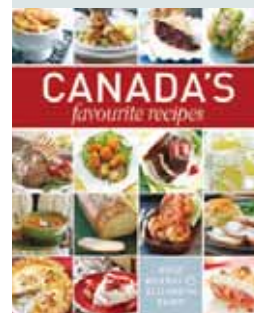
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) grated fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) grated lime zest
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh lime juice

Shrimp

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil, divided
- 2 tsp (10 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) each ground coriander, paprika, ground cumin and brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) each sea salt and dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne
- 1 lb (500 g) large shrimp, peeled, with tail portion left intact
- lime wedges

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Canadian fare from coast to coast



In the book Canada's Favourite Recipes, Rose Murray and Elizabeth Baird set out to answer the question: What is Canadian cuisine?

The book reveals just how distinctive our food is and how our people, climate and land influence it. Many of the 160 recipes have been contributed by Canadian cooks, chefs and personalities such as Julian Armstrong, Emily Richards and Wayson Choy.

Among the Canadian delicacies included are: Peameal Bacon Roast, Cod and Potato Fritters with Spicy Lemon Mayo, Maple Carrot Cake with Maple Butter Icing and more. **METRO**

A saucy pudding surprise

1. In a large bowl, whisk together 3/4 cup (175 ml) of the sugar, the flour and the salt. Add the milk, butter and egg yolks; whisk to combine. Whisk in the lemon zest and juice; set aside.

2. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form; beat in the remaining sugar, 1 tbsp (15 ml) at a time, beating until stiff shiny peaks form. Stir about one-quarter of the egg-white mixture into the lemon batter. Fold in the remaining egg-white mixture.

3. Scrape into an 8-inch (2-l) glass baking dish or metal cake pan. Place the dish in a larger shallow pan. Pour enough boiling water into the outer pan to come halfway up the sides of the dish holding the batter. Bake in the centre of a 350 F (180 C) oven until the top is lightly browned and the pudding has pulled away from the sides of the dish, about 30 to 40 minutes.



This recipes serves six to eight. FROM CANADA'S FAVOURITE RECIPES

4. Remove the dish with the baked pudding from the outer pan and let cool on a rack to the desired temperature (still a little warm or at room temperature). To

make-ahead: Cover the pudding and refrigerate for up to 1 day.) Spoon into dessert bowls; top with a scattering of blueberries and a dusting of icing sugar.

Roasted Squash Soup

1. Cut the squash in half, remove the seeds and roast, cut-side down and covered with foil, in a greased or parchment paper-lined baking pan in a 400 F (200 C) oven until tender, about 45 minutes. When cool enough to handle, scrape the flesh from the rind.

2. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, cook the pancetta over medium heat until crisp, about 5 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain. Refrigerate.

3. In the pan drippings, over medium-low heat, cook the onions, garlic, sage and hot pepper flakes until the onions are very soft, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the roasted squash, broth, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer, stirring often, for 20 minutes for flavours to blend.

4. Purée in a blender (hold-

ing down the lid) in batches or with an immersion blender until smooth. Return to a clean saucepan and gently reheat. Taste and adjust the seasoning.

5. Serve in heated bowls, garnishing each with a dollop of sour cream, a sprinkle of diced tomato and pancetta.

Ingredients

- 1 butternut squash
- 4 oz (125 g) pancetta, coarsely chopped
- 2 onions, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 tbsp (22 ml) chopped fresh sage
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot pepper flakes
- 6 cups (1.5 l) chicken broth
- salt and ground black pepper
- sour cream
- 1 large ripe tomato, diced

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Rebuilding Giants
still eyeing
post-season

The Vancouver Giants may be going through a rebuilding phase, but the goal is still to make the playoffs, general manager Scott Bonner insists.

The Giants, last in the Western Hockey League's B.C. Division and Western Conference with a 5-12-0-0 record but only six points out of the final playoff spot, made three trades last week as they try to forge a new identity, predicated on size and grit.

Among those dealt was defenceman David Musil, their top blue-liner, who was sent to the Edmonton Oil Kings on Halloween for 17-year-old rearguard Mason Geertsen and a first-round pick in the 2013 bantam draft.

"I think it's rebuilding as far as the roster goes," said Bonner on Wednesday.

"We think we're in a playoff race. We're trying to tell the players we are getting younger, we've changed our identity quite a bit since August, but our expectations as coaches and managers is to make the playoffs."

The Giants also traded forward Austin Vetterl to the Kootenay Ice in exchange for forward Douglas Morris and defenceman Kyle Krabben, before dealing Nathan Burns to the Saskatoon Blades for 18-year-old Travis McEvoy, a third-round pick in the 2013 draft, and a first-round pick in 2014.

Bonner raved about the six-foot-four, 203-pound Geertsen, who could make his home debut Friday against the Portland Winter Hawks at the Pacific Coliseum.

"He's a big, brash defenceman," said Bonner, who compared Geertsen to former Giants captain Mark Fistic.

"We're counting on him for the next two or three years to be that go-to guy on the blue-line as far as maybe not points, but a guy that can help ... bring us back to that brash identity that was so prevalent in our earlier teams."

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Vancouver Giants

GM Scott Bonner

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Ryan Nugent-Hopkins warms up with the Oklahoma City Barons before a game against the Lake Erie Monsters on Oct. 12 in Cleveland. DAVID MAXWELL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Warm welcome awaits 'The Nuge'

AHL. Young star and the Barons prepare for a two-game weekend series against the Abbotsford Heat

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The drive can be tricky, especially with bridge traffic on a Friday night drive, but Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is treating this weekend's mini-series in Abbotsford as a "hometown" experience.

Nugent-Hopkins, the 19-year-old product from the Burnaby Winter Club, will come to town with the Oklahoma City Barons for a two-game set against the Abbotsford Heat Friday and Saturday night.

He's played in front of family and friends before as a professional — twice last season with the Edmonton Oilers

Weekend matchup

Friday marks the first meeting of the season between the Abbotsford Heat and Oklahoma City Barons. The Heat, the Calgary Flames' AHL affiliate, went 2-5-1-0 against the Barons, the Edmonton Oilers' farm team, last season.

- This season the Heat are 5-0-0-1 at the Abbotsford Entertainment and Sports Centre, and are just one of four teams in the AHL without a regulation loss on home ice. The Barons are 1-2-0-0 on the road.

as a fresh-faced 18-year-old rookie.

With the NHL currently in the midst of another lockout, a trip to the Abbotsford Entertainment and Sports Centre counts very much as a local experience for "The Nuge."

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Nugent-Hopkins in a phone interview Wednesday. "It's always fun when you can play in front of your friends and family."

The Oilers' first-overall draft pick in 2011 can't put a specific number on how many friends and family will venture out to the game, but they

likely won't be alone.

Aside from Nugent-Hopkins, the Barons currently have three other players from B.C. on their roster: White Rock's Colten Teubert, Aldergrove's Cameron Abney and Kelowna's Justin Schultz, who turned out to be one of the most coveted free agents this summer after spending the last three years at the University of Wisconsin.

The Barons also bring Jordan Eberle, who cemented himself in world junior championship lore for Canada thanks to clutch goals against Russia in 2009 and the U.S. in

2010, and Taylor Hall, who turns 21 next week and has already played two NHL seasons.

The Barons opened the season with seven of their first 10 games at home, and had yet to travel to a Canadian market.

There's plenty of hype surrounding their arrival in the Fraser Valley. Both games against the Heat are expected to sell out.

"Abbotsford will get a real taste," said Nugent-Hopkins, who had 18 goals and 52 points last year with the Oilers.

He has three goals and 10 points in nine games for the Barons.

Of course, it's highly likely that if it weren't for the lockout, Nugent-Hopkins — as well as Eberle, Hall and Schultz — would be playing with the Oilers.

For now, that's out of his control.

"I've definitely been keeping updated on the lockout, but it's tough when you're in the middle of a season," he said.

CFL

Trio of Lions win West Division year-end awards

Three members of the B.C. Lions have been named West Division outstanding player winners for the 2012 season.

Tim Brown was named the division's outstanding special-teams player, Jovan Olafioye the outstanding lineman, and defensive lineman Jabar Westerman as outstanding rookie, the CFL announced Wednesday.

Three of the six West Division winners went to



CFL outstanding rookie nominee Jabar Westerman hauls down Argos quarterback Ricky Ray during a game in Toronto on Aug. 6.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

the B.C. Lions.

Calgary Stampeders running back Jon Cor-

nish, who hails from New Westminster, was named the West Division's most outstanding player and outstanding Canadian.

Cornish, who in Week 19 broke Norm Kwong's 1956 record for most rushing yards in a single season by a Canadian, can also become the first Canadian to win the MOP since Tony Gabriel did it back in 1978, according to the league.

Vancouver College stand-out and Montreal Alouettes linebacker Shea Emry is the East Division winner for outstanding defensive player and outstanding Canadian. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Basketball

Pippen joined Obama for election-day hoops

Former Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen says U.S. President Barack Obama has a "smooth game" on the basketball court.

Pippen described playing basketball with the president Tuesday afternoon in a story on the Chicago Bulls website. He played on Obama's team in an election-day game complete with referees and a clock. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NBA

Heat crush Nets to remain perfect

In 25 seasons of Miami Heat basketball, the club had never won its first four home games of any season.

That is, until now.

And the Heat are making it look easy.

Dwyane Wade scored 22 points on 10-for-14 shooting, LeBron James finished two assists shy of a triple-double and the Heat clamped down defensively again to beat the Brooklyn Nets 103-73 on Wednesday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



LeBron James rises up for a basket against the Nets on Wednesday night in Miami.

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Lenarduzzi says chemistry was off late in Whitecaps' season

MLS. Roster changes hurt team after strong start: Team president



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It's been almost a week since the Vancouver Whitecaps' sophomore Major League Soccer season came to an end.

And the post-mortem into how the club got off to such a good start but won only once in its final 10 regular-season games, just barely securing the fifth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference, continues.

The Whitecaps went from the bottom of the Western Conference last season — their first in MLS — to a playoff position this year.

Their 2012 campaign, which produced an impressive 7-4-5 record through the first four months of the regular season, came to an end with a 2-1 loss to the star-powered L.A. Galaxy last Thursday in a single-game elimination opening-round playoff match.

The goal of qualifying for

Playoffs delayed

The MLS East semifinal match between D.C. United and the New York Red Bulls was postponed by snow Wednesday night in Harrison, N.J. The match was rescheduled for Thursday.

the post-season was accomplished, but many questions still linger.

"Well, we finished dead last a year ago, so being a playoff contender and making the playoffs was our ultimate priority ... and we were able to do that," said Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi in a phone interview Tuesday.

"I'm happy with the fact that we were the first Canadian club to make the playoffs in MLS, but now we're in a situation where we should be striving to do that every year and ultimately be far more consistent through the course of the regular season."

So, what caused the Whitecaps to stutter down the stretch?

The abundance of high-profile roster moves the club made from the middle of

June to the start of August has become the main culprit.

Fan favourite Eric Hassli was traded to Toronto FC for a first-round pick in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft and an international spot through 2013, and Davide Chiumiento was transferred to FC Zurich of the Swiss Super League.

Sebastien Le Toux was traded to the New York Red Bulls for Dane Richards.

Brought in as high-priced designated players were Barry Robson and Kenny Miller, who struggled mightily at times, and defender Andy O'Brien.

"I really don't want to get into specifics on players but there's no doubt that if we had it all to do again, we probably wouldn't have made as many changes as we did," said Lenarduzzi.

"In pre-season, there was a lot of attention to detail that went into what we wanted from certain positions ... and so when you make as many changes as we did, you can't reproduce that in the middle of the season.

"I think what was highlighted was we just didn't have the same chemistry that we did prior to (the trades)."



Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi, left, admits the abundance of mid-season changes contributed to the struggles of the Major League Soccer club as the regular season came to an end. KIM STALLKNECHT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Have expectations for CBA become too high?

The hardest part, for Gary Bettman and Donald Fehr, might not be negotiating with each other.

Indeed, the commissioner of the NHL and the executive director of the NHL Players' Association may well find negotiating with their own people — who have their own expectations of what a season-saving deal ought to look like — to be the biggest hurdle.

"There has to be some

compromise, otherwise there would have been a settlement a long time ago," said George Smith, a former management-side labour negotiator who is now a lecturer at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

"There are at least three sets of negotiations going on: The ones across the table and the ones within the owners' group and the players' group. There have been promises made to each of their members to get us to the point

where we are today."

For the second day in a row, the NHL and NHLPA went underground to hammer out the issues with an eye on saving the season. Wednesday's session started later than expected in the afternoon as both sides used the morning to strategize internally.

With a snowstorm hitting New York, some of the players who had been in on Tuesday's meetings — including Sidney

Crosby — went home early.

Tuesday's seven-hour session dealt largely with contract issues and revenue sharing, and was said to be the first true bargaining of these collective bargaining talks.

Wednesday's session was scheduled to deal with the most contentious issue: Paying players their salaries in full while at the same time getting the two sides to share hockey-related revenue 50-50.

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Pressure escalating

Tension seems to be rising from all corners of the NHL.

- Pockets of owners and players are believed to be exerting pressure on leadership to get a new deal, while Molson Coors CEO Peter Swinburn, whose company is a major sponsor, told The Canadian Press that the

brewer will seek compensation when the lockout ends.

- "There will be some redress for us as a result of this," said Swinburn. "I can't quantify that and I don't know because I don't know the scale of how long the lockout is going to last."

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Pierre Lueders, Justin Kripps, Jesse Lumsden and Neville Wright of Canada compete during the four-man bobsled in February 2010 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics in Whistler, B.C. Competition to be the brakeman on Canada's top two-man bobsled team is expected to be fierce. RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Race is on to be brakeman for Canada's top bobsled team

Eye on Sochi 2014.

Former CFL running back Jesse Lumsden vying for coveted spot on two-man sled

After the first 50 metres, Jesse Lumsden's job is pretty much done.

"I'm just along for the ride," he says.

With speeds of up to 150 km/h and the kind of G-forces that can blur vision, it's some ride.

Lumsden is a bobsled brakeman. That means he's not typically the star of the show — that falls to the pilot, Olympic bronze medalist Lyndon Rush. That makes this sporting career similar, says Lumsden, to his last one in the CFL, where the quarterback is the star and he was a running back.

"Our names don't go in the paper. When we talk about the team, it's Team Rush. We're going to go out and get dirt under our nails and grind it out and get the job done. That's the way I like it," he says.

Whether he wants it or not, Lumsden may be getting a lot more attention this year because he's not the only brakeman vying for the coveted spot on Canada's top two-man team.

Lascelles Brown is back

Quoted



"At the end of the day we're pushing on the same team, which will hopefully

be a very dangerous combination and a very, very fast combination for Team Rush."

Jesse Lumsden on the competition to be the brakeman on Canada's top two-man bobsled team

sliding for Canada after a two-season stint on the Monaco team. He won a bronze medal with Rush in four-man at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and a silver with Pierre Lueders in two-man at the 2006 Winter Games in Turin.

While the entire Canadian team competes as one against other nations, Lumsden and Brown will essentially be locked into a competition of their own.

The first World Cup of the season starts Friday in Lake Placid, N.Y. The ultimate goal is to be the guy in the two-man sled for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Both men will likely compete along with another teammate, either Neville Wright

or Cody Sorensen, in Rush's four-man sled. But there can only be one brakeman on the two-man.

The battle for that spot will focus more attention than ever before on the importance of the brakeman, says Nathan Cicoria, high-performance director for Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton.

"They really are teams and not one athlete with faceless brakemen," he says.

In a two-man sled the brakeman is 50 per cent of the team. In four-man, they're 75 per cent.

"You can't have a top performance without optimizing them all," Cicoria says.

A top performance from each crew member is what's needed to win when margins are as tiny as they are in this sport.

"When you beat somebody badly, you're beating them by 10 or 15 hundredths of a second," says Lumsden.

The push off the start and how quickly they all get in the sled — bobsleds "should in no way contain four men over 220 pounds," Lumsden says — can decide the entire race.

That's something that pilot and Olympic gold medalist Kaillie Humphries is keenly aware of at all times.

"If you're not one of the top teams on the push, you'll always play catch-up," says Humphries. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Silva will have eye on GSP's return to octagon

Middleweight champion Anderson Silva will be cageside in Montreal next week to watch Georges St-Pierre's comeback fight against Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit.

"There's no doubt that Anderson Silva's showing up to cheer Georges St-Pierre on," UFC president Dana White said in a media conference call Wednesday. "He wants him to win this fight and he wants to fight him after."

St-Pierre, the UFC's welterweight title-holder who is returning from knee surgery, dismissed any Silva talk, however.



Montreal mixed martial artist Georges St-Pierre GETTY IMAGES FILE

"I don't care about Anderson Silva," he said. "He can do whatever he wants. He can go

to Florida, stay in Brazil if he wants. I'm focusing on Carlos Condit. That's all that matters to me."

St-Pierre (22-2) meets Condit (28-5) in the main event of UFC 154 on Nov. 17 at Montreal's Bell Centre.

A Silva-GSP superfight has been touted for some time.

The 37-year-old Silva, who holds the 185-pound title but has also fought at light-heavyweight (205), and St. Pierre, who campaigns at welterweight (170), are widely seen as the two best fighters in mixed martial arts. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB

Mets and Jason Bay parting ways

Canada's Jason Bay and the New York Mets ended their unproductive relationship after three miserable seasons when they agreed Wednesday to terminate the outfielder's contract with one guaranteed season remaining.

The deal makes Bay, 34, from Trail, B.C., a free agent and allows the team to spread out the remaining \$21 million US it owes him.

An all-star in 2005, 2006 and 2009, Bay signed with the Mets after career bests with Boston of 36 homers and 119 RBIs.

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NBA. Hornets' No. 1 pick still out with concussion

New Orleans Hornets rookies Anthony Davis and Austin Rivers both were ruled out for Wednesday night's game against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Davis has been sidelined by a minor concussion since the middle of New Orleans' second game of the season last Friday night. Rivers has a sprained left index finger and will be out for the first time.

Davis, the first-overall choice in the 2012 draft, has averaged 14.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 1.5 blocks in his first two games.

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Hornets forward Anthony Davis shoots over Houston's Terrence Jones during an Oct. 24 pre-season game in New Orleans. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Demand to be taken seriously. Demand that others treat you with respect. If they don't, well, that's your cue to look elsewhere for companionship and love. You're special. Don't waste your time on people who can't see it.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Try not to come across as cold. Those to whom you are close know that you sometimes find it hard to express your feelings but people you deal with in the wider world may think you are being rude.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Quick decisions are not always good decisions, so take your time and get it right. Someone may be annoyed that you are moving slowly but they will be even more annoyed if you make a wrong move and they have to pay.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be tempted to pack your bags and go some place where you don't have to deal with so many annoying people but in a few days you will feel better about your current situation. Hang in there.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Try not to be too distrustful today. The planets indicate that what a colleague is offering you is not some kind of trick. Most people are honest, so accept the offer and enjoy what it brings.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your head and your heart are pulling you in different directions and, as always, your head will win in the end. Don't be so logical and rational though that you miss the feelings of love that others are sending your way.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You have worked hard to get to your present position and you are not about to give it up, no matter what others say you should do. Possession is nine-tenths of the law and you are simply not going to move.

♐ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Opportunity will come knocking today and you won't hesitate to let it in. Don't forget, however, that the flipside to opportunity is responsibility. Make sure you know what you are getting yourself into — then go for it.

♑ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Mercury in your sign helps you see things clearly but it's in one of its retrograde phases at the moment, so not everything will be what it seems. Don't accept what others tell you without checking the facts for yourself.

♒ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may wish you were some place else at the moment but before you start thinking about a change of scene, you have got to think about your cash flow situation. Are you living beyond your means? Do something about it.

♓ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will be tempted to splash out on something luxurious today but if you are wise, you will resist. Your place in the world does not depend on how much you earn or how much bling you can afford.

♈ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You could miss out on a romantic opportunity today, simply because you are too shy to approach someone you fancy. It doesn't take much to smile and say hello, so be brave and make your move. You'll be glad you did. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Canadian Crossword

Across

1. Commercials
4. Allow
7. Funnyman Carney
10. Actor Majors
11. Cosmetic giant
13. French cheese
14. Poor grade
15. Exhaust
16. The Avengers Mrs. Peel
17. Value
20. Food scrap
21. Squeal
25. Idle chit —
28. Opie's Aunt —
29. The Fresh Prince of Bel —
30. Partner for hearty
31. Pub
32. Wing length
33. Has the flu
34. Actor who portrayed 28 across
35. Towel monogram
36. More homey
38. — Paulo, Brazil
40. Brace
45. Alike
48. Fragrance
49. Pitcher's stat.
50. Tortoise rival
51. Telegram
52. — and abet
53. The Cat in the —
54. Wide shoe width
55. Genetic molecule (abbr.)

Down

1. M*A*S*H actor
2. "The — End of the Ocean"
3. Ooze
4. After a while
5. Landlord's threat
6. Beverly Hills, 90210 actress
7. Spelling
9. Appendage

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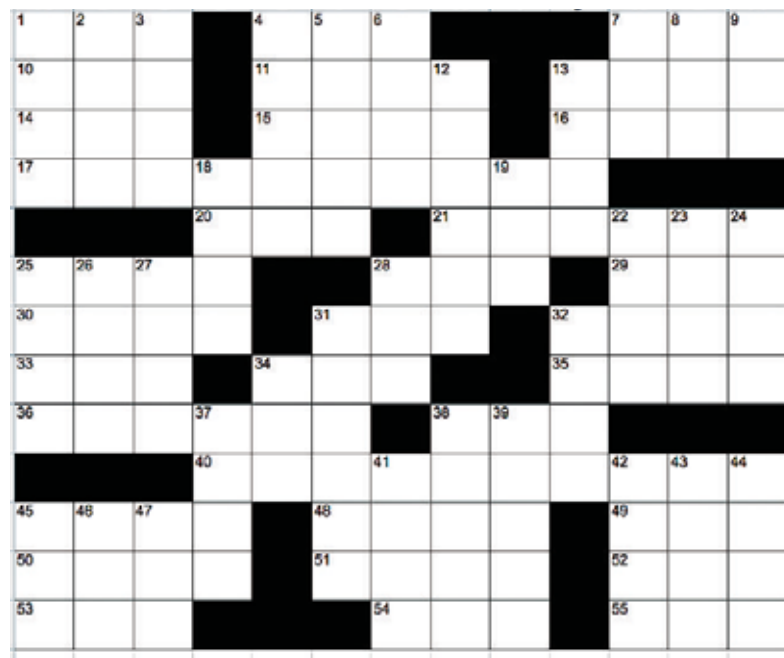


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13. Red veggie
18. Routine
19. Self defense lessons —kwondo
22. Record a television show
23. Fibber
24. Sea eagles
25. Elegant

26. Angel headwear
27. — well that ends well
28. Keep out
31. Beg, — or steal
32. Range
34. Soak
37. Psychiatrists comment (2 words)
38. Night time sound
39. Concur
41. Nurse Jackie actress Falco

42. — of the Class
43. Middle daughter on The Waltons
44. Zilch
45. Be quiet!
46. Battery size
47. The A Team actor (word & init.)

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How to play

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